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Palestinians meeting in crucial session

PNC 'to declare' independent state

ALGIERS, Nov 11, (Agencies): Palestinian leaders gathered in Algiers today for an extraordinary meeting of their exiled parliament to make a declaration of independence they hope will usher in Middle East peace and their own independent state.

"We want to negotiate with the representatives of the Israelis at an international conference on the Middle East," said Bassam Abu Sharif, chief spokesman to the PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

Ahu Sharif said the 448-seat Palestine National Council, which begins its meetings tomorrow, will declare an independent Palestinian state in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Arafat and his PLO executive council or inner cabinet called the meeting of the parliament in exile to try to capitalise politically on the 11-month-old uprising in the occupied territories, which has left more than 300 people dead.

Recognition

"This will consecrate officially the identity of the Palestinian West Bank and Gaza," Abu Sharif told reporters. "The recognition of the majority of the states of the world will give further legitimacy," he said.

"The PNC will legislate beyond doubt the line that had been pre-empted by chairman Arafat a long time ago, calling for the establishment of a just peace, the readiness of the PLO to sit down and negotiate at an international conference based

on UN resolutions, including (numbers) 242 and 338," Abu Sharif said. Those resolutions include recognition of Israel's right to exist.

But despite Abu Sharif's remarks, Palestinian sources said the Palestinian parliamentarians have not yet agreed to how much — if at all — the declaration of independence will concede the need for a Jewish state.

Some deputies are known to favour basing the declaration on UN Resolution 181 of 1947, which foresaw the creation of neighbouring Israeli and Palestinian states out of the old Palestine as it existed under British mandate.

The Arabs rejected the UN plan at that time.

Security

The Algerians have imposed tight security around the conference centre, a recreational complex about 20 km (12 miles) west of the capital, after the PLO said it received repeated warnings that Israeli agents were planning attacks on Palestinian targets.

An Algerian gunboat stood offshore from the seaside complex, which is ringed with tanks and armoured cars.

To the port of Algiers, reporters saw a Soviet warship bristling with radar scanners that diplomatic sources say Moscow loaned the PLO to guard against any Israeli attack by air.

Aware

Bassam Abu Sharif, clad in green battle fatigues, said the PLO had learned of an Israeli plan to try to assassinate Arafat during the Algiers session. He also said the United States also is aware of the plan, and hinted US officials had advised the PLO of the scheme.

"We have information that on Oct 20 (Yitzhak) Shamir, (Yitzhak) Rabin and (Shimon) Peres met and took a decision to delegate to three terrorist institutions to carry out a terrorist plan against the leadership of the PLO," said Sharif, who himself lost two fingers in a letter bomb attack on him.

"Several teams have set out already," he said. "They are in certain North Africa and European countries. So due to that we are on alert."

Palestinian leaders have planned numerous demonstrations in the West Bank and Gaza on Tuesday to coincide with the declaration of independence.

In addition to that document, the Palestine National Council is to debate and pass a "political statement" or programme laying down plans for achievement of independence, in part through application to the UN for membership, Palestinian sources said.

Resolve

There now is agreement not to declare a provisional government as considered at one point, the sources said. PLO leaders believe that step would best be taken when they have obtained the co-operation of a Middle East peace conference to resolve the Palestinian problem.

Most deputies had arrived in Algiers by this afternoon though there was speculation that deputies in Syria might not receive exit visas from Damascus authorities.

PLO spokesman Ahmed Abdur Rahman told reporters the Syrian-based members of the PNC number about 30. Other PLO officials put their number at 57.

They include the rebel wing of Arafat's Fatah movement, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command

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Israeli Army seals off occupied areas

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 11, (AP): Hundreds of troops poured into Jerusalem's walled old city today and the Army sealed off the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to try to prevent violence linked to the expected proclamation of a Palestinian state.

Soldiers also detained hundreds of Palestinians to block anti-occupation riots during the four-day meeting of the Palestine National Council. Arab reports and Israeli Radio said. The PNC meeting begins tomorrow in Algiers.

In Jerusalem, hundreds of soldiers dressed in combat gear streamed into the predominantly Arab walled old city armed with assault rifles and automatic weapons. Many carried backpacks and bedding, apparently for setting up temporary camps inside the ancient walls.

Closed

The Army announced that the entire Gaza Strip was closed effective at 9 pm (1700 GMT) today, and that an indefinite curfew was clamped on the coastal area's 650,000 Arab residents. The order barred journalists from entering Gaza without an Army escort.

The actions did not affect Gaza's 6,000 Jewish settlers, who were permitted to move freely. Troops also barred West Bank Palestinians from entering Jerusalem, erecting roadblocks at all entry points in the city. Army officials said the territory's 1.4 million Palestinians were banned from travelling freely in the West Bank and had to remain in their own areas.

A reporter saw three checkpoints on the Bethlehem-Jerusalem highway turning away Jerusalem-bound cars with blue West Bank license plates.

In an unusual practice, troops also questioned drivers of yellow-plated Israeli cars and in one instance ordered an Arab labourer riding in a car with his Israeli employer to stay behind. Dozens of riot police patrolled the narrow alleys of Bethlehem.

and two Army jeeps escorted each Israeli jeep passing through the biblical city.

An Army spokesman said journalists were free to enter the West Bank, but state-run Israeli Radio reported Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin was considering banning media from the area.

A number of journalists were turned back today from the West Bank cities.

At checkpoints outside Ramallah, troops barred residents from leaving for Jerusalem and soldiers on foot checked identity cards.

Arab reports said the Army disconnected the loudspeakers of seven mosques in the Gaza Strip in an attempt to prevent Muslim preachers from reaching a large number of worshippers during Friday noon prayers.

Throughout the occupied areas, hundreds of Palestinian activists were rounded up overnight, Arab reports said. In the West Bank refugee camps of Kalandia, Jelazoun and Al Amari, brief curfews were imposed while the arrests were made.

Refinery blaze kills 22 Indians

BOMBAY, Nov 11, (AP): After a searing 27-hour battle, firefighters yesterday extinguished a blaze that killed 22 people at an oil refinery, officials said.

Thirty-one people remained hospitalised with burns and injuries suffered in the fire that broke out at midday on Wednesday. Twelve of them were listed in critical condition.

R.K. Gajree, chairman of the government-owned Bharat Petroleum Corp. Ltd., said 17 bodies had been identified but five others were too badly burned to establish the victims' names. "People were seen running when the fire began. Everyone in the way was hurt," he said.

Gajree said the cause of the fire had not been determined. "It could be a cigarette or anything else," he said. "Three loud explosions were heard, but they could have been caused by flammable vapour."

The fire started at a naphtha tank and spread to two other tanks. Gajree said the blaze destroyed the refinery's aromatic unit and at times spread to connecting pipelines. Naphtha is a highly flammable liquid vital to the petrochemical industry.

Abbreviating Prophet's name is sacrilege

ISLAMABAD, Nov 11, (Reuters): Pakistan said yesterday that abbreviating the name of the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) was a sacrilege which must be avoided at all costs.

"Each and every Muslim is supposed to uphold the virtue and holiness attached to this name since the very concept is a part of our faith," the Religious Affairs Ministry said in a statement.

It said spelling Mohammad as Mohd — a common practice in Pakistan — was not only sacrilegious but also implied a desecration of the Prophet's name.

Many Muslims have Mohammad as one of their names.



Sri Lankan troops patrol the streets of Colombo. (Reuters wirephoto)

Sri Lankan police fire at protesters killing 16

COLOMBO, Nov 11, (Agencies): Sixteen people were shot dead, 28 wounded and 2,000 detained yesterday in a national protest day called by Marxist rebels trying to overthrow the Sri Lanka government, security sources today said.

The government warned again today that demonstrators would be shot on sight after thousands of protesters yesterday ignored a curfew and warning shots.

More than 2,000 demonstrators and a number of activists who incited workers to strike have been detained and are being questioned to determine if they are members of the Marxist People's Liberation Front (JVP), the sources said.

A government statement said: "The public are warned against participating in illegal demonstrations, violating curfews and inciting workers in work places."

Security

"Any persons committing such acts will be shot on sight by the security forces."

The government said hundreds of workers who did not report for work yesterday in essential services would be sacked.

President Junius Jayewardene today issued an emergency decree threatening people convicted of instigating strikes, printing and publishing death threats with capital punishment.

Possession of leaflets or posters calling for strikes also could be punishable by death, the President's office announced.

It issued copies of the decree after shops and businesses reopened following the four-day strike called by Sinhalese extremists.

The Marxist rebels mounted violent street demonstrations and organised a crippling strike yesterday demanding the immediate resignation of Jayewardene and his government.

Thousands of tourists are leaving the country.

Threats

The front, composed mainly of majority Sinhalese youths, backed the strike call with death threats. Senior military officials said it planned to topple Jayewardene's 11-year-old government before Dec 19 presidential elections.

New laws, called "Prevention of Threat of Death Regulations," state that anyone who possesses or prints any document containing a statement or picture that constitutes a threat of death will be guilty of an offence.

They would then be tried in court and if convicted could be punished with death, it said. The same applied to anyone who published or distributed such documents.

The penalty would also be meted to anybody who threatened with death another person to resign from a political party or trade union or induced government workers to stop work.

Sources in Jayewardene's United National Party (UNP) said a meeting of ruling party legislators discussed demands for the government's resignation and dissolution of Parliament by JVP extremists.

Prime Minister Ranasingha Premadasa, the party's nominee in Dec 19 presidential polls, reiterated a previous refusal to accept the demands unless the

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UK, Iran restore diplomatic ties

LONDON, Nov 11, (AP): Britain and Iran restored full diplomatic relations yesterday renewing hopes for the release of British hostages held by pro-Iranian Islamic extremists in Lebanon.

The Foreign Office announced a resumption of diplomatic links following talks in Vienna between Sir David Myers, its assistant Undersecretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs, and Dr Mahmoud Vaezi, director-general of Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Relations between the two countries soured in May 1987 after an Iranian envoy was arrested on shoplifting charges in Manchester, northern England, and a British diplomat was assaulted by militants in Tehran.

Imply

Mohammad Badi, Iran's charge d'affaires and loose diplomat in Britain throughout the breakdown, hinted that the thaw in relations could speed the release of Britons held hostage in Beirut.

Badi said the hostage issue had not arisen in the negotiations, but added to a BBC interview that "if you are trying to imply that the new relationship between Iran and Britain may contribute to that end, I'm not going to deny that."

Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, whose envoy Terry Waite disappeared to Lebanon in January 1987 while

trying to negotiate freedom for two American hostages, also was asked whether renewed ties would help the hostages.

"Certainly this cannot do any harm," he said. "We must wait and see. This is welcome news. After all the purpose of this diplomacy is to make it easy for governments to talk to each other."

Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said the hostages' plight was not included in the discussions.

Agenda

"There's no bargain or secret agenda," he told the BBC, but added that the thaw enabled Britain "more effectively to press the case at every opportunity for the Iranians to use all the influence they have got to secure the release of hostages."

A Foreign Office statement said Iran and Britain had decided to resume full diplomatic representation "with immediate effect based on reciprocity, mutual respect and non-interference in each other's affairs."

A diplomatic source in London, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the agreement allowed for up to 16 diplomats in each country to assume posts over the next several months.

He said an application had been made to the Iranian authorities for a visa for Gordon Pirie, a 51-year-old diplomat, who would become temporary charge d'affaires.

Gulf peace talks adjourn

Sick POWs to be home by year-end

GENEVA, Nov 11, (Agencies): All sick and wounded prisoners of the Gulf war will be home by the end of the year under an agreement signed today, the only tangible result of two weeks of intensive peace talks between Iran and Iraq.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) announced the deal to swap all such prisoners between Nov 20 and Dec 31.

Reelise

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz also showed ICRC president Cornelio Sommaruga three thick envelopes with names of all the Iranian prisoners it holds — but said he would turn them over only if Iran did the same.

The accord, negotiated by the two rivals directly with the ICRC, was announced hours after UN mediator Jan Eliasson adjourned peace talks and said

no major progress had been made.

"I hope very much that both sides realise the importance of keeping this process going forward," the Swedish envoy told a news conference. "On the major issues confronting us, we have not been able to achieve a breakthrough or major progress."

The UN team of mediators had provided compromise suggestions to the parties, he said, "but I again want to stress that the main responsibility lies with the parties."

The two sides remained far apart on the issue of a troop withdrawal to international borders, the exchange of all 100,000 prisoners of war and other questions such as who started the eight-year-old war.

Parallel to the direct talks at the UN European headquarters, Iranian and Iraqi delegations adjourned peace talks and said

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Reagan, Bush set wheels in motion for transition

WASHINGTON, Nov 11, (Agencies): President Reagan has given president-elect George Bush a boost in his transition to power by asking the cabinet and hundreds of other top officials for letters of resignation to free Bush's hand in picking his own team, White House officials said.

They said this was agreed to at a meeting yesterday between Reagan and Bush, who later in the day went to Florida for a long weekend.

White House Chief of Staff Kenneth Duberstein then instructed cabinet secretaries and agency chiefs to give Reagan undated letters of resignation saying they are ready to leave "at the pleasure of the President."

Inauguration

Such a step is not unprecedented as a tool in government transitions and the officials, who asked not to be identified, said many of those asked to resign would probably stay on the job well after Bush's Jan 20 inauguration to ease the orderly transfer of power.

All would also be free to seek a new appointment in the Bush administration.

The Republican vice-president, who beat Democrat Michael Dukakis, in Tuesday's presidential election, got a fast start on the transition on Wednesday by naming his old friend and ex-Treasury Secretary James Baker to be his Secretary of State.

That choice won widespread praise even among Democrats and there was speculation Bush might want to keep Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, Attorney General Dick Thornburgh and perhaps some others from Reagan's cabinet.

Reminded

The Bush transition office officially opens for business on Monday, but the telltale signs already were in place in a rented suite of offices a few blocks from the White House. Security guards erected metal detectors and a desk was set up at the entrance where a job-seeker collected resumes from job-seekers.

Reagan and Bush were applauded as they walked together into a cabinet meeting. Fitzwater quoted Reagan as saying, "We don't even argue over

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Amir and Premier congratulate Bush

HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah sent cables of congratulations to US president-elect George Bush, in which they wished Bush success and hoped for the strengthening of ties and understanding between Kuwait and the US.

The Amir hoped that the new US administration will give priority to the Palestinian cause.

THE WORLD THIS MORNING

Hussein returns
AMMAN, Nov 11, (Reuters): Jordan's King Hussein returned home today after talks on Middle East developments in Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Oman, the state-run news agency Petra reported.

Bomb blast
ANKARA, Nov 11, (AP): A bomb explosion at a building of the ruling Motherland Party caused panic but no injuries, a party official said today.

Ali Turkayyar, the head of the party's Mamak district in Ankara, said that the bomb went off late last night on a first-floor balcony of the building.

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Crowd applauds Benazir at biggest campaign rally

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headquarters of the Army, which overthrew her father, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in 1977, and the jail where he was hanged in 1979.

The power of his appeal to the poor seemed as great as ever. His portraits and name, along with those of his daughter, dominated the rally.

Benazir's motorcade took five hours to reach Liaquat Park through streets teeming with chanting, cheering people. They perched in trees and on top of railings to hear her 45-minute speech.

The government has forbidden radio and television coverage of parties campaigning for the Nov 16 poll.

Appealed

Just before Benazir's rally, several hundred supporters of the rival parties clashed near a mosque, chanting slogans

against each other and throwing rocks. Dozens of armed police officers separated the two groups. No one was injured and there were no arrests.

Chief election commissioner S.A. Nusrat appealed to parties to keep the peace during campaigning. "The eyes of the entire free world are focused on us," he told a news conference in Islamabad.

The Supreme Court said it would decide tomorrow whether to hear a government appeal on identity cards.

The Lahore highcourt accepted a petition from a PPP candidate and struck down a government order that the cards are required to vote.

Benazir, in her speech, charged authorities were issuing Afghan refugees with Pakistani identity cards, allowing them to vote in the elections.

The controversy over identity cards has emerged as the main issue of the election campaign.

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had conducted regular meetings on the prisoner issue with ICRC officials.

Aziz, speaking to reporters after signing the agreement on the sick prisoners, said the 1949 third Geneva Convention bound Iran to provide the names of all prisoners, even during war.

"I told him (Sommaruga) we are prepared to deliver the list the moment the Iranian side does the same. We hope the other side will reciprocate. Article 122 (of the convention) makes it obligatory."

Stopped

Under the ICRC agreement, the two sides will begin on Nov 20 returning the prisoners that were registered with the ICRC before the arrangement stopped two years ago — 411 Iranians and 1,158 Iraqis. That is to take about three weeks.

The ICRC must be able to start registering all other sick prisoners by Dec 5 and be able to complete repatriating them by

Dec 31.

Delegates said the decision to exchange the sick prisoners had improved the atmosphere of the negotiations, which Eliasson described as constructive, sober and positive.

"In this period we have had a better climate," Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said after a 40-minute meeting with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz. "We haven't had real progress on substantive issues."

"We do hope that in the next period ... the other side will understand they should come along and take some practical steps for the implementation of (Security Council) resolution 598."

Demanded

He said Iraq must start by pulling its troops out of Iran — a move demanded by the Security Council as the first step after the ceasefire.

Iraq has refused to do so immediately, raising other issues

such as clearance of the Shatt Al Arah waterway lying between the two countries and freedom of navigation in the Gulf.

In virtually every meeting, UN officials said, the two countries merely restated or "clarified" their positions but offered no hint of compromise in the search for a permanent peace to replace a fragile ceasefire.

Nevertheless, Eliasson said, the two ministers reaffirmed their commitment to that ceasefire, and agreed to meet again in December or January at a time to be set by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Eliasson was not able to say whether the UN chief or the Security Council would consider steps to try to force Iraq to obey the mandatory Resolution 598 and pull out of Iran.

Iranian President Ali Khamenei today blamed lack of progress in the peace talks on Iraq dragging out the process, especially by keeping troops on Iranian soil.

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which side of the table to sit on." But for all the friendliness, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said Reagan reminded his men: "We are still in charge until Jan 20 and are still responsible for making decisions of the government."

The Soviet Union said yesterday it would not rule out a meeting between Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Bush even before the US president-elect takes over.

"We would not rule out such a prospect, although there are no plans for it," Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told a news conference when asked when the two would meet.

Sri Lankan

police ...

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JVP joined an interim administration that would rule pending general elections.

The JVP has rejected the proposal because, according to diplomats and political analysts, it apparently regards it as a ploy by the government to expose its underground leaders and kill them.

Justice Minister Nissanka Wijeyaratne and his deputy resigned today, accepting responsibility for two recent jailbreaks and a prison riot in which 12 inmates died on Monday. Their resignations came in a week of unrest that spread from the streets to penal institutions.

Jayewardene appointed Paul Perera as the new justice minister today to replace Wijeyaratne.

Boat capsizes

NEW DELHI, Nov 11, (AP): At least 20 people drowned when an overcrowded country boat sank in a canal in southern Andhra Pradesh state, Indian news agencies said today.

Bodies of 17 victims, among them 10 women, four children and three men have been recovered, district officials told the United News of India news agency.

PNC ...

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of Ahmed Jibril, and Saiaqa, a group which has always been close to Syria.

Abdur Rahman said he could not be sure they were planning to boycott the PNC session. "I don't know. Planes are still arriving."

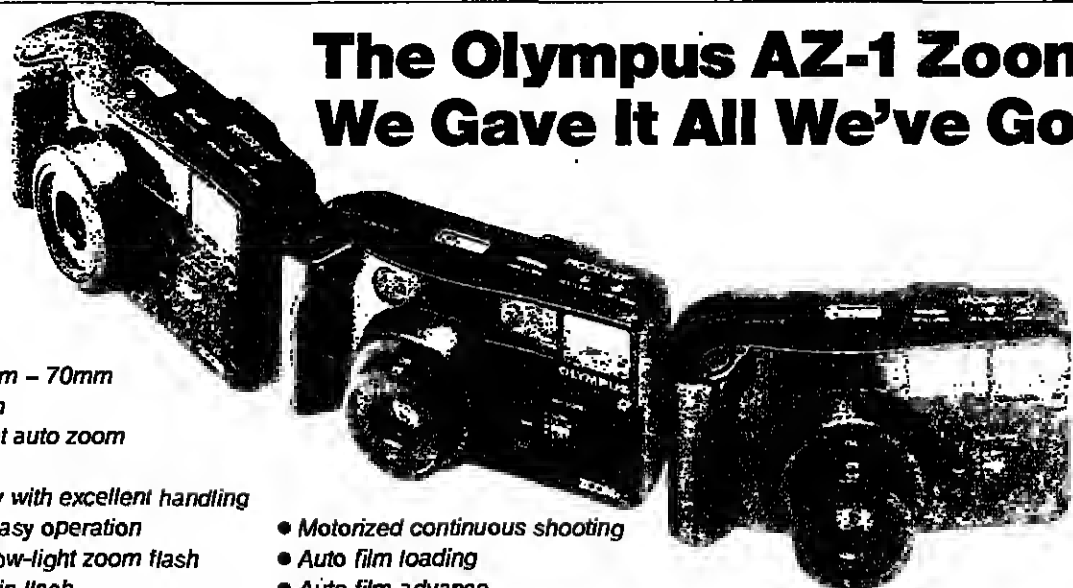
Officials of George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which is not a rebel group, said their Syrian members were having trouble leaving as they feared they would not be allowed to return.

About 186 deputies cannot attend because they live in Gaza and in the West Bank.

Positive

Barry Atwan, a Middle East expert said that Palestinian leaders believe the election of George Bush to the US presidency basically was positive for the Middle East peace process because he has experience of the region unlike Dukakis.

"At least Bush knows what he is talking about," Atwan said.

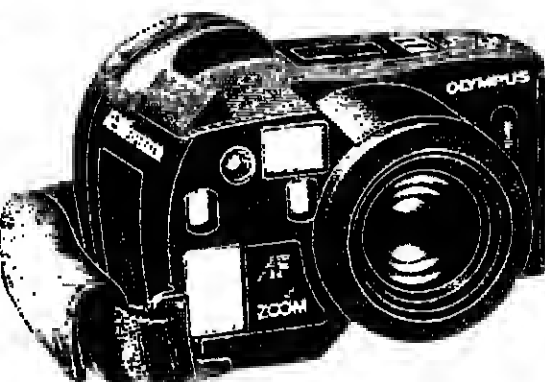
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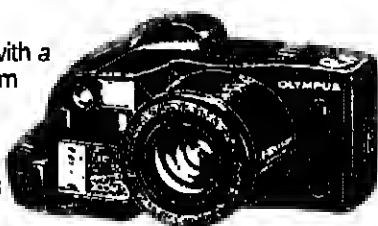
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Japanese police concerned over attack by radicals

Red Army to fight monarchy

TOKYO, Nov 11, (AP): The Japan Red Army terrorist group has declared it will launch a fight against Japan's imperial system the day ailing Emperor Hirohito dies, police said on Thursday.

The extremist group made the threat in a statement sent from an unknown hideout in the Middle East, said a police official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

A copy of the statement provided by police called on the Japanese people to "rise up and fight using every means and tactic to crush the emperor system" when Hirohito dies. "We of the Japan Red Army will resolutely join the struggle from where we are," said the statement, dated Oct 1.

Meanwhile, palace officials said 87-year-old Emperor Hirohito, bedridden since Sept 19, had a fever of 37.5 C (99.5 F) late Thursday afternoon but otherwise was temporarily stable condition following a major setback in his health earlier this week. The emperor's normal temperature is about 35.5 C (95.9 F).

The Japan Red Army was active in the 1970s after about 30 members fled to the Middle East, which they called the centre of a world revolution. A series of attacks and hijackings by the group included the Lod Massacre in Israel in 1972 that left 28 people dead.

The statement also charged

the emperor system was the foundation of Japanese imperialism before and during World War II.

The militarists who ran the country during the war invoked Hirohito as inspiration for attacks that once put most of east Asia under Japanese control.

The statement accused the Japanese government of planning to reimpose imperialism through a surge of "maoist" nationalism during a post-Hirohito transition.

Japan's postwar constitution forbids the use of military force and defines the emperor as "the symbol of the state" with no real political power. Before the war, the emperor was considered a living god.

Government officials have ruled out the possibility that rightists will be able to open debate on revising the constitution after Hirohito's death, even though they have gained some public support from the outflow of sympathy over his illness.

Police officials said on Thursday they fear the Red Army threat might encourage radical groups in Japan who have attacked the imperial palace with homemade firebombs and rockets several times in recent years.

They said they are particularly concerned that an imperial funeral would offer an opportunity for radical attacks because many members of the imperial family would be gathered together.

Food supply outlook improving in Asia

WASHINGTON, Nov 11, (Reuters): A faster-than-expected recovery from drought in India has helped reduce expected shortfall supplies in developing nations, the US Agriculture Department said.

"The food outlook looks better," said Ray Nightingale, a department food-supply analyst. "But we still have very high needs."

To maintain normal food consumption rates in 55 developing nations, other nations must donate 17.5 million metric tonnes of grain, the department estimated in a quarterly report.

The shortfall is equal to 5.5 per cent of the developing nations' production.

The department in August

estimated the shortfall at 19.5 million tonnes.

India was able to quickly add to grain stocks depleted by the 1987 drought, and its crop this year is bountiful, Nightingale said. The estimate of Asia's food shortfall fell from 8.2 million tonnes in August to six million in the November report.

However, he said, the floods in Bangladesh severely damaged this year's crop.

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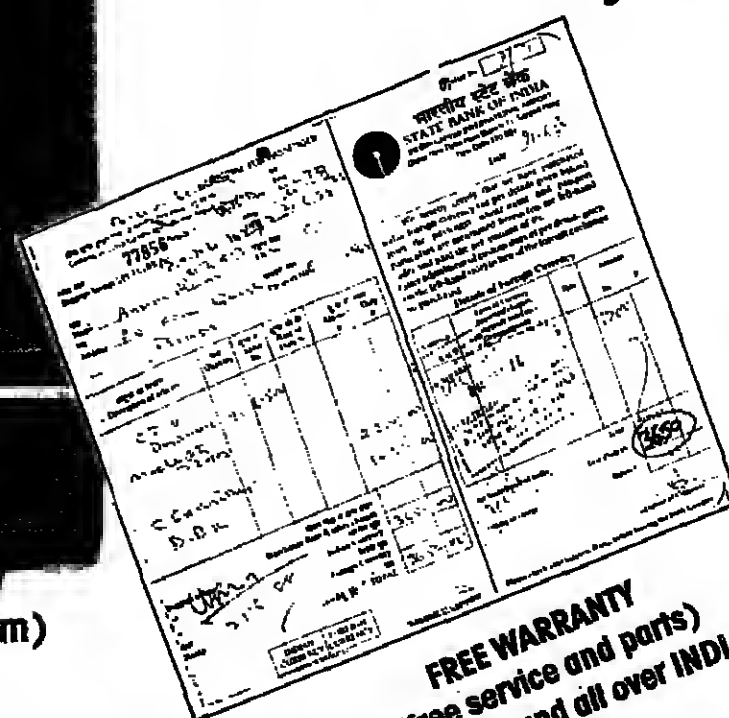
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Egypt apologises for arrest of two Kuwaiti teachers

KUWAIT, Nov 11, (KUNA): The Egyptian government on Thursday apologised for the Nov 1 arrest of two Kuwaiti nationals at Cairo Airport.

In a telephone call to Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, Egypt's Deputy Premier, and Foreign Minister Dr Esmat Meguid expressed his indignation at the way the two Kuwaiti teachers were treated by officials at the airport.

Punishment
Dr Meguid also told Sheikh Sabah that Egypt's Interior Minister General Zaki Badr ordered an immediate investigation and punishment of the perpetrators of the incident who will be brought to trial.

The Egyptian authorities will notify Kuwait about results of the investigation, the Egyptian official said.

Sheikh Sabah thanked Dr Meguid for the Egyptian government's keenness on good Kuwaiti-Egyptian relations and

the close ties binding the fraternal people of the two countries.

Cairo airport authorities arrested the two Kuwaiti teachers on Nov 1. They were returning home from duty in Mali via Cairo. Airport authorities said they suspected that one of the men was carrying a forged passport.

Valid
The Kuwaiti embassy in the Egyptian capital immediately intervened to free the two and verified that the passport was legal and valid.

A source indicated that Egypt's Assistant Foreign Minister Yahya Refat immediately summoned the Kuwaiti Ambassador, Abdul Razzaq Al Kandari and explained the incident. Refat, the source went on, affirmed that "this isolated incident does not in any way reflect the nature of Kuwaiti-Egyptian ties."

The Kuwaiti ambassador also sought to play down the significance of the incident, saying it

was only "a casual and individual mistake."

Al Kandari stressed that the Foreign Ministry offered a full and satisfactory explanation of the incident "which surely could not influence the relations between Egypt and Kuwait."

He expressed hope that punishment would be brought on the wrong-doer to avoid a repetition of the incident.

Meanwhile, the Kuwaiti Teachers Society today praised the way in which Sheikh Sabah handled the incident.

Care
The president of the society, Omar Al Ghurair thanked Sheikh Sabah and the Kuwaiti government on behalf of all Kuwaiti teachers for quickly and promptly handling the case of their two colleagues.

He said that this is yet another confirmation of the great care the Kuwaiti leadership takes to protect and safeguard the interests of the Kuwaiti people.



Sheikh Saad (middle) in talks with King Fahd (right) and Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia.

Sheikh Saad visits port

RIYADH, Nov 11, (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah and his accompanying delegation yesterday visited Jeddah Port, where they were greeted by its acting director general.

Radio Riyadh said that Sheikh Saad toured the various facilities of the port and expressed his admiration for what he saw. The radio report also said that the Saudi Information Ministry hosted a dinner banquet in Jeddah, in honour of the editors-in-chief of the Kuwaiti newspapers who are accompanying Sheikh Saad.

Media
During the dinner, information co-operation between the two countries was discussed as well as the role of the media to inform the public about the

accomplishments of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states. Meanwhile, the governor of holy Makkah and the western area, Prince Majid Bin Abdul Aziz, has welcomed the extension of Sheikh Saad's decision to extend his visit to the kingdom.

Extended
"We are very happy that the country's honourable guest HH Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah has extended his visit till Saturday to have more time for me and my numerous friends to meet with him after concluding his official visit," Prince Majid was quoted as saying yesterday by the Kuwaiti daily "Al Rai Al Aam."

Meanwhile, Prince Majid expressed hope that Arab leaders will pave the way for achieving the legitimate rights of the Arab nation and to confront foreign threats and ambitions.

Labourers union conference to begin today

THE 5th Kuwait Labourers Union Conference will be held today to discuss future plans of the Kuwaiti labour movement, according to Al Hijailan, the chairman of the union.

The Kuwaiti labour movement is young but, it is very active in local, Arab and international labour issues, the official said.

He added that the union is opposed to the new labour law to be issued shortly. The Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour did not seek the union's opinions while drafting the law nor did it provide a copy of the new labour law, Al Hijailan said.

The union still stands by its demands for the rights of labourers as explained to relevant authorities. The union has upheld the rights of expatriate labourers and assisted in solving their disputes with contracting companies.

The forthcoming union's conference will be attended by 72 members representing labourers of the government and oil sectors. The conference will last for three days, Al Hijailan said.

2 sentenced for rape of another man

THE Criminal Court sentenced two men charged with aggravated rape of another man to three years and four months in jail each with hard labour.

The court was told that the two defendants drove the victim to a desert and took turns raping him while the other took photographs.

Based on the evidence of the photos, the court passed the sentence.

In another incident, the court refrained from issuing sentence against a man charged with raping a woman whom he married after the incident.

The court heard that the accused was hired by the victim's employer to do some services around the house.

The defendant raped the maid leaving traces of blood in the room.

The victim managed to flee the room and told her employers, who were sleeping when the incident occurred, about the attack. They did not hear her cries for help because of the noise from the air-conditioning unit.

US ship leaves Gulf

WASHINGTON, Nov 11, (AP): The amphibious landing ship USS Dubuque left the Gulf on Wednesday without being replaced, but no reduction in US forces is under way, the Defence Department said yesterday.

The Dubuque was to have been replaced by the USS Raleigh, but that vessel had to make a stop at a shipyard in Italy for emergency repairs and thus was delayed, said Dan Howard, the department's chief spokesman.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Photo contest scheduled

THE Bahrain Art Society Photography Club will hold its third national photographic competition in March to mark the 150th anniversary of the invention of photography.

"The third competition will be the biggest and should easily exceed the 751 entries we received during last time's competition," the head of the organising committee, Hussain Mirza said.

Competition will be open to people of all age groups and nationalities. Amateurs as well as professional photographers may participate. The competition will be divided into two categories. "Light and Nature" is the theme of group one. It is said to be the most difficult category and is especially meant for professionals or people with advanced knowledge of photography.

Group Two will have an open theme. Mirza said this category should help beginners or amateurs exhibit their basic photography skills.

National Day Festival planned

THE National Day Festival of expatriate clubs will be held at the Bahrain Exhibition Centre Dec 15-17.

The highlight of this year's festival will be music and dance from different countries of the world.

According to Jamil Al Jishi, director of social affairs, oil clubs and societies should participate to give an international flavour to the occasion.

Clubs will display and sell their native cuisine and handicrafts and various game stalls will be opened.

The festival is traditionally one of the biggest social events on the island and reflects Bahrain's traditional hospitality and cosmopolitan spirit. Thirty-seven clubs and 52 societies are registered with the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

Products to be displayed

A SPECIAL exhibition, "Made in Bahrain" will be held at the Gulf Hotel Nov 20-21 alongside a major industrial seminar.

Nearly 20 countries are expected to participate in the exhibition which will display products made in the island.

The participating companies include Alba, Balco, Garmco, Balco, Midco, Cables, GPIC, Bahrain Bedding Factory, Bourmed and Maskati Brothers.

Kuwait appeals again for peace conference

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 11, (KUNA): Kuwait yesterday appealed once again to the international community to carry out its duty towards the Palestinian people and to convene the International Peace Conference on the Middle East.

Addressing the Special Political Committee, Kuwaiti representative Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al Sabah called on all states to contribute to the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) to help Palestine refugees in the Near East.

Assist
Sheikh Sabah said Kuwait is continuing to assist the Palestinian people by contributing to the agency, even before joining the UN. Kuwait has also received thousands of Palestinian refugees.

The committee began its annual discussions of UNRWA activities and financing Wednesday.

Sheikh Sabah said this debate was an annual reminder of the sufferings of the Palestinian people over 40 years and of the crimes committed against them through the establishment of a foreign Jewish territory on their homeland.

Peace in the region, it cannot occur while the living conditions of the Palestinian people continue to worsen, he said.

Crush
He said the uprising confirmed the rejection by the Palestinian people of the Israeli occupation, and attempts to crush it have led to restrictions on the population of the territory.

Couple sentenced

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced a woman and her lover to two years in jail with hard labour and a fine of KD500 each. The woman who is an Arab citizen, is to be deported following the completion of the sentence.

Drugs
The court was told that the woman, who was divorced, was staying alone. Her lover, who is married, visited her and they were caught taking drugs and drinking alcohol.

The woman admitted that the man had brought the drugs for her because she was suffering from a toothache. She added that they intended to get married.

Goa declared port of clearance for baggage

By Fathima Ahmed

CUSTOMS clearance for unaccompanied baggage will now be provided by the Goa Customs Authority, according to the convenor of the Goan Committee for Al Kuwait-Goa flights.

So far, customs clearance for Goans carrying unaccompanied baggage was done by the Bombay Customs Authority.

Warehouse
Goa has recently been declared a port of clearance for "unaccompanied baggage." A warehouse to store unaccompanied baggage in Marmagao was built but could not be used due to lack of clearance from New Delhi. Reportedly, the clearance has now been given under Section 7 of the Indian customs regulations.

Air India, Kuwait, will accept unaccompanied baggage from

Goa-bound passengers 48 hours before their departure. This new facility can also be used by Goans leaving Kuwait to resettle back home.

Benefit
The convenor of the Goan Committee, Vincent D'Souza, said that the facility will "prove costly for short-term visitors" due to the high customs duty of 240 per cent which is levied on some items carried as unaccompanied baggage.

However, Goans returning home will benefit by the new facility as they can carry, customs-free, household goods valued at Rs. 20,000.

Air India flies weekly flights to Goa via Bombay. The Goans in Kuwait had been clamouring for customs clearance facility in their state for some time and welcomed the decision.



Some of the products on display at the PIC exhibition.

PIC exhibition gets under way

THE assistant managing director of the Petrochemical Industries Company (PIC), Sulaiman Husain has opened the company's exhibition being held to mark the company's 25th anniversary. The exhibition will continue until Nov 25.

In an interview with KUNA, Husain said that the exhibition depicts the company's activities since its establishment in 1963.

The company has seen wide expansion. New factories and

modern technology are being used to manufacture and export the company's products, the official said.

PIC pays particular attention to environment protection and controls factory pollutants, he added.

The PIC workforce, which was 5 per cent Kuwaiti at the company's inception is now at 30 per cent Kuwaiti, Husain added.

Iranian meets Bahraini leader

MANAMA, Nov 11, (AP): The Amir of Bahrain Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa on Thursday welcomed Iran's initiative to improve its ties with the Arab states of the Gulf region, the Gulf News Agency reported.

The agency, reporting on a meeting between the Amir and Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati, quoted Sheikh Isa as urging the "continuation of contacts and consultations... between the two countries to serve the march of brotherly peace in the region."



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Korean products have an edge over Japanese and American products due to those countries' high exchange rates, they said.

Korean products, according to Farouq Husain Qasem, a sales manager in one of Kuwait's big showrooms, are in demand due to their high quality and low prices.

During the sales, prices are lowered by 25 to 40 per cent. Price cuts are based on invoices approved by banks and audited by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

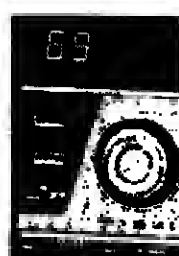
Improved
Mahmoud Hijai, the manager of a shop which sells electrical instruments, said that the market has improved after the Iran-Iraq war. Many Iraqi merchants visit Kuwait to purchase various products and transport them to Iraq, he said.

Abdul Aziz Al Baghli, a consumer, said that merchants use different tactics to sell their wares. They sell both old and new products and consumers should be aware of this, he said.



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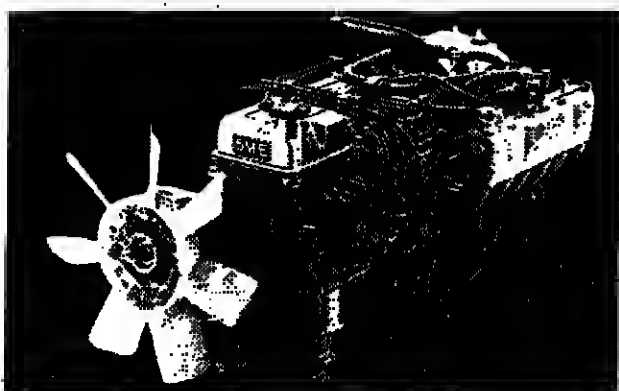
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Pakistan elections

Economic policy not an issue

By Oliver Wates

KARACHI, Pakistan. (Reuters): In the depths of Sind, peasants thresh their wheat by beating small sheaves onto logs of wood so that the grain falls onto the ground below.

Donkey carts are the most common form of transport.

Near Peshawar farmers carry their sugarcane on camels and crush it in presses powered by water buffalo.

Education and health care for more of Pakistan's 104 million people are basic and three-quarters are illiterate. The population is growing at a breakneck 3.1 per cent a year, deforestation is rampant and the roads and communications systems in urgent need of attention.

It is hardly surprising that all contenders for general elections on Nov 16 say development is the top priority.

Economic policy has not become an issue in the campaign. The proposals of the two main contenders, Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party and an anti-PPP alliance, have said little to distinguish them.

Difference

"There doesn't seem to be much difference between any of the major parties," a leading Pakistani businessman said.

"They have the same philosophy of deregulation and investment, the same philosophy of more resources for rural development," said Finance Minister Mahbubul Haq, economic chief for much of the past decade.

"It appears the manifestos are a pale copy of the policies being carried out by the government," he told reporters.

The PPP began life as a socialist party and during the 1971-77 rule of Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto — Benazir Bhutto's father — it nationalised banks and major industries.

During military President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq's 11 years in power — which ended with his death in a plane crash in August — the party greatly modified its approach. Its manifesto still talks of "socialism" and "the masses," but is otherwise a model of moderation.

Future appears sombre for Afghanistan

By Paul Quinn-Judge

MOSCOW: As the future of the Soviet-backed Afghan regime in Kabul comes to look increasingly sombre, Moscow's attention is shifting to one of the regime's most effective opponents — Ahmed Shah Massoud.

Soviet Afghan watchers say that Massoud, a member of the minority Tajik ethnic group, would have difficulty establishing himself as overall Afghan leader. But they feel that Massoud will at the least emerge as a major regional force.

Massoud is "very much respected among the Soviet military commanders," says Artem Borovik, a journalist who is writing a history of the Afghan war. He is "bright and diplomatic. His men have good equipment and the best hospitals," and also has a "fantastic" network of underground command bunkers. Moreover, Borovik says, Massoud keeps his word. Offering what he stressed was his personal point of view, Borovik remarked, "I think he's a good person to negotiate with." But, he added, "I know people who disagree with me."

Massoud's home base in the Panjshir Valley covers the major north-south highway out of Kabul, as well as two oil pipelines leading to the Soviet Union. The northern Panjshir has proved impregnable to Soviet forces. Borovik says that nearly every year since 1979 the Soviet 40th Army has launched a major offensive against Massoud's strongholds. They have never broken his grip.

Ceasefire

Perhaps as a result, the Soviet forces in the area have on several occasions since 1983 negotiated ceasefires with Massoud. Western sources say that he was paid the equivalent of \$250,000 by the Soviets for the first truce. They add that he used the money to re-equip his troops.

Massoud's officers include an unusually high proportion of

graduates from Moscow's Frunze Military Academy. Borovik says there is a heady, a rumour that Massoud himself studied at the academy under an assumed name. Borovik also describes him as unusually well versed in the classics of guerrilla warfare: Bases captured from him have yielded studies of unconventional war in such diverse places as Vietnam and the Soviet Byelorussian front during World War II.

Since mid-April, Massoud has had remarkably good press in the Soviet Union. On April 12, three days before the Geneva accords on a Soviet pullout were concluded, one newspaper described how Soviet troops had contacted Massoud, proposing a local ceasefire. Massoud agreed, the paper said. And recently the Communist Party daily, Pravda, described how its correspondent had tried — and almost succeeded — in interviewing troops loyal to Massoud.

Pessimism

The attention being paid to Massoud is symptomatic of the deep pessimism that pervades Soviet analyses of Afghanistan. A major Soviet operation at the start of this year around the Afghan border town of Khost gained time for the Kahul regime. Soviet sources say. (At the time Soviet sources insisted that the operation was primarily Afghan. But the top Soviet commanders — Gen. Valentin Varennikov and Lt Gen. Boris Gromov — have since been given the highest Soviet award, reportedly for their part in the campaign.)

Instead of making use of the time thus gained, one Soviet observer complained, the government of President Najibullah has slipped even further into factional fighting. For their part, senior members of the Afghan ruling party are reportedly bitterly critical of Moscow's determination to pull out on schedule — by Feb 15, 1989.

The Christian Science Monitor.

Political consensus at home is necessary

Score card of US support for insurgencies

By Charles Waterman

WASHINGTON: The final tally on the "Reagan doctrine" supporting a variety of Third World insurgencies against leftist regimes — is not in. But it is not too early to draw some tentative lessons.

The experience in four areas — Afghanistan, Angola, Kampuchea and Nicaragua — indicates that as long as Washington's goals are explicit, practical, and enjoy a political consensus at home, the insurgency tactic can be effective. If these elements are not present, there can be a debilitating domestic political toll.

But an insurgency is by definition a dirty war, in which civilians suffer disproportionately. If American assistance to the insurgents had not been given, this toll would undoubtedly be lower — perhaps significantly so.

But the inevitable price would have been to concede outright victory to the Soviets in at least the short run. And ironically, the cases in which de-escalation is most visible are those in which the Soviet Union has the most influence. Moscow is the power that has the political will to produce flexibility, not Hanoi or Havana, although there may be the troops directly backing leftist governments. Any realistic prognosis must take this factor into account. The benefits to the US.

Support
The support of anti-communist insurgencies has been seen by current United States policymakers as a middle ground between passive acceptance of a series of communist takeovers and the direct engagement of US troops.

Insurgency support is cheap. A pure cost-benefit analysis shows that a relatively minor input in terms of resources, money, and training can deal a blow to governments within the Soviet sphere of influence. According to several intelligence officers, start-up insurgency support often requires only between \$10 million to \$15 million per year. The highest sums reportedly given to the Afghan resistance in recent years are only in the range of \$350 million a year. To deploy US troops for the same end would be politically impossible, militarily foolhardy, and monetarily prohibitive.

Successful insurgencies require identification with the majority nationalist sentiment in the disputed country. If not, they will be perceived by the populace as a foreign creation, and not enjoy the mass support required to succeed.

The Afghan guerrillas clearly enjoy such identification, even if their countrymen's loyalties are divided among various resistance organisations. But the Contra rebels fighting the Sandinista government have never developed a similar political base or identification with Nicaraguan nationalist sentiment, particularly in urban areas.

Goals
Active support from regional states that share most of the insurgency's goals is also key. The Afghans have Pakistan and Iran; the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) has South Africa and Zaire; and the Kampuchean resistance has Thailand and China. The Nicaraguans, while they do have US-fostered sanctuary



President Reagan

privileges in Honduras, have not received a similar level of commitment from regional partners. The provision of safe havens, logistical support, training, and intelligence from such states is essential. The goals of most regional states also tend to be closer to the insurgents' aims than to the US' East-West agenda. And they are, of course, more immune to the unpredictability of Western political processes.

Morale
A single battlefield technological advance can profoundly affect the course of an insurgency. Government and Soviet-bloc forces were able to operate in the air with relative impunity in the first years of the Afghan and Angolan counterinsurgency campaigns — until introduction of the US-made, hand-held Stinger missile.

According to former National Security Council official, Christopher Lehman: "In Afghanistan, it turned the military tide. Once the (Soviet) Hind helicopter was neutralised, the strategic advantage on the ground turned to the mujahideen."

According to a knowledgeable source who witnessed the Stinger's impact in Angola: "It was a tremendous morale booster for the UNITA troops. Before its introduction, the Hind helicopter inspired fear and helplessness. This changed instantly, and the feeling of security and even smugness among the troops was overwhelming."

UNITA troops intercepted radio conversations by Angolan and Cuban pilots expressing fear of the Stinger missile," this source continues. "Pilots often dropped their bombs miles away from the Stinger. Captured Cuban pilots confirmed their 'hearty respect' for the Stinger in interviews with Western journalists."

US involvement in Third World turmoil has proven fickle. It has difficulty sustaining effective support to an insurgency, when there is no clear and largely open domestic consensus favouring such activity. A consensus is present on Afghanistan, but definitely not in the case of Nicaragua. The historical record is a warning to any insurgency not to depend exclusively on Washington for discreet support over the long haul. And as Honduras may be discovering, it is also a flashing red light for any regional state considering association with Washington in such activities.

There is inevitably a distinction between US goals and those of each of the insurgencies being supported. Although sympathies exist for the insurgent goals for a total takeover, Washington's interests are basically satisfied by seeing the Soviets out of Afghanistan, the Cubans and Soviets out of Angola, and Viet-

names out of Kampuchea. Increasing frictions can be anticipated with the insurgencies and their regional supporters, as Washington seeks to compromise short of the achievements the revolutionaries seek. Domestically, decisions not to support insurgent goals of total liberation will inspire strong conservative condemnation of a "sellout."

Maintaining secrecy about insurgent support has also proven impossible. In a robust democracy such as the US, there are too many conflicting political agendas which benefit by going public on such contested issues.

Once the rebels are seen as having achieved Washington's goals, the issue of continued support or demobilisation comes up — especially when the ultimate insurgent goal of seizing the reins of power has not been obtained. Both UNITA and the mujahideen will probably see their fighters absorbed in the post-war government structure. But should the Khmer Rouge be left out of any Kampuchean settlement their absorption, demobilisation, or military defeat will prove difficult.

Cost
And, being in large part a creation of Washington, finding a way to peacefully reintegrate former Nicaraguan rebels into an appropriate society could become a significant burden on the US government.

The unique circumstances which caused the Reagan doctrine may not recur soon. With notable exceptions such as El Salvador, there are relatively few leftist insurgencies under way in 1988.

Most of those that do exist —

most noticeably in Peru and the Philippines — are not closely linked to the Soviet Union. Moscow seems to have recognised the futility and cost of Third World commitments to governments that are vulnerable to continual and costly combat fuelled by the West.

According to former KGB officer Stanislav Levchenko, "Many of the cadres in national liberation movements which were trained in the Soviet Union during the 1960s have been killed or discredited. The human infrastructure for carrying out armed leftist revolution in the Third World is no longer readily available."

In the words of one senior American ex-official: "The Reagan doctrine has fulfilled its historic mission. Once the Brezhnev doctrine proclaiming the irreversibility of Soviet advances had proven fallible at least once, and being disproven elsewhere, the attractiveness to Moscow of such expansionist policies plummeted dramatically."

We may, in short, have witnessed in the Reagan doctrine a phenomenon of the 1980s which will not be required after current hot-spots cool. In the point-counterpoint of international strategy, both superpowers have won and lost at the game of insurgency. And both have come to understand the vulnerability of shaky Third World client-states to destabilisation efforts of the other.

For the West, this knowledge has been clear since the start of the Cold War. For Moscow, it may have been the events of the past half-decade, including the Reagan doctrine, which brought the awakening.

The Christian Science Monitor.

Quayle: a bombshell choice for vice-president

By Michael Conlon

WASHINGTON. (Reuters): From the moment George Bush presented Dan Quayle as his running mate in New Orleans last August — a bombshell that turned a dull Republican convention into a hot story — the 41-year-old Indiana Senator has been fighting for his honour and reputation.

In riding to victory alongside Bush, the vice-president-elect Quayle became one of the most scrutinised men ever to appear on a US presidential ticket — and yet one whose claim to stand "a heartbeat from the presidency" still stirs debate.

His modest political experience, family wealth, Vietnam-era military service, conservative views, dubious academic record — even his golden-haired Hollywood looks — all stirred sneers and controversy during a campaign heavy on name-calling.

Polls found he was a drag on Bush despite attempts to play the fighter, taking the lead in liberal-bashing attacks on Democrat Michael Dukakis. Quayle made people worry what would happen if a President Bush were to die or become incapacitated.

If Bush were elected, the Chicago Tribune remarked in an editorial, "May he live 100 years."

Record

The basic knock on the Senator was that his record of public service was, in the view of detractors, both mediocre and relatively short. He has served eight years in the Senate preceded by four in the House of Representatives, but was generally regarded as a political lightweight with no proven leadership skills.

A conservative on social issues

such as abortion and school prayer, a hawk on national security, he was known mainly for expertise in military matters and a major job-training programme he worked up with liberal Democrat Edward Kennedy.

But when Quayle dared suggest in a televised 1988 campaign debate that his congressional experience compared with that of the late President John Kennedy, his vice-presidential rival, Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas, demolished him with a memorable line of crushing simplicity.

Questions

"Senator," Bentsen said coldly, "You're no Jack Kennedy." Within 24 hours of his selection by Bush, the press was also pelting Quayle with questions about his past as the son of a rich and privileged publishing family.

The one that hit hardest was why, as one noted for sabre-rattling, super-patriot politics, he had bypassed Vietnam duty by joining the National Guard in 1968. It was also asked whether he had used family influence to get that relatively safe, home front duty.

Quayle was nonplussed by these and other attacks and never seemed to develop comfortable defences. But he finally took the stand that the National Guard is after all a legitimate military service pursued by millions of young men.

"I was willing to serve and I did serve and I'm proud of it," he said. Although very few guardsmen saw Vietnam duty, he added, "had my guard unit been called, I would have gone."

And he denied his family had pulled strings to get him out of the draft and into the guard, although a family employee and former guard general said he made calls on Quayle's behalf.

Bush defended Quayle as the victim of "unfair pounding," and noted at one point that at least he had not harmed his draft card as some antiwar protesters had done.

Another old controversy that returned briefly to haunt him was a weekend golf outing in Florida with some congressional chums in 1980, when one of their house mates was a woman notorious for affairs with Congressmen.

Quayle denied any involvement with her and his wife, Marilyn, testifies to his defence, insisting that her golf-crazy husband thinks of nothing but driving and putting when he is near the links.

Questions were also raised about Quayle's entry into law school, after a lacklustre college career, in a programme designed mainly to help minority students. He repeatedly refused to release his university records.

On the campaign trail, he was kept under tight rein by campaign staff who shielded him from reporters. Only after Bush opened up a big lead in the polls did Quayle proclaim himself fed up and declare his independence.

"I've done it their way and now it's my turn," he said. "I'm my own boss. I'm just going to say what's on my mind."

J. Danforth Quayle, a grandson of publishing magnate Eugene Pulliam, was elected to the Senate in the 1980 Reagan landslide. He had previously served two terms in the House of Representatives.

Support

He became a darling of the Republican right, strongly supporting Reagan's military buildup, including the "Star Wars" missile defence programme. But he only reluctantly backed the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty abolishing US and Soviet



medium-range missiles because he felt America gave too much away.

Quayle was one of four Republican members of the hud-

get committee who voted against a military spending freeze.

But he also alienated some ultra-conservatives by opposing Republican efforts in 1982 to ban abortion and school busing.

Born in Indianapolis of February 4, 1947, he graduated from DePaul University in 1969, and earned a law degree from

Indiana University in 1974.

He practised law and was associate publisher of his family's newspaper, the Huntington Herald Press, immediately before winning his House of Representatives seat in 1976.

The Quayles have three children: Tucker, 14, Benjamin, 11 and Corrine, eight.

PLO statehood bid will hinge on world support

By Patrick Worsnip

LONDON. (Reuters): Next week's expected declaration by the Palestine Liberation Organisation of an independent state in the Israeli-occupied territories is a gamble that will depend on how many countries recognise it, analysts and lawyers say.

They said the move, expected after a weekend session of the Palestine National Council (PNC) in Algiers, would usher in a new battle for diplomatic gains by the PLO, including a bid to upgrade its status at the United Nations.

Frictions

"If they can persuade other states to recognise them that is an important step forward," said Philip Robins of Britain's Royal Institute of International Affairs. "But if only a few do, that is demoralising and tends to marginalise the whole thing."

PLO officials say the announcement by the PNC, a Palestinian parliament-in-exile will refer to UN General Assembly Resolution 181 of 1947, which called for

two states, one Jewish and one Arab, in Palestine.

Although it will not specifically endorse the frontiers defined by the resolution, analysts said it could be seen as accepting the principle of two states and hence mark another step towards PLO recognition of Israel's right to exist.

Recognition

The announcement is likely to be a one-page declaration which will make no attempt to go into constitutional or administrative details, PLO sources say.

"It's a game of politics, rather than of law," said one international lawyer specialising in the Middle East.

Experts and PLO officials said the declaration of an independent state would be followed by a drive for recognition by as many countries as possible.

The deputy PNC speaker, Salim Al Zaenoun, said in an interview this week, however, that this might wait until a provisional government had been formed.

As a parallel, analysts pointed to a relatively successful

diplomatic effort by the Polisario Front, which proclaimed an independent state in the Western Sahara in 1976, after Spain handed over the territory to Morocco and Mauritania.

The state, known as the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic, has been recognised by 71 countries and gained admission in 1984 to the Organisation of African Unity, prompting a walkout by Morocco.

Non-member

But the United States would certainly have no dealings with a Palestinian state. And in London, a Foreign Office spokesman said Britain did not recognise any state which did not control its territory and presumed that the other 11 European Economic Community countries would take a similar line.

The amount of international support would determine the success of an expected PLO attempt to upgrade its standing at the UN, where it currently has observer status as an organisation.

Some PLO officials forecast a bid for full UN membership, but

this would require approval from the Security Council, where it would face the virtual certainty of a veto by Washington.

Other PLO officials therefore suggested they could aim for the more modest target of observer status as a non-member state. This would put their state in the same category as Switzerland, North and South Korea, San Marino, Monaco and the Vatican.

UN officials said it was customary for the states seeking this status first to become full members of one of the UN agencies. This could be feasible for the PLO as each agency defined its own admission procedure.

"It could be a way in," one official said. A British international lawyer, who asked not to be named, said that if the new state gathered wide support, "there would be mounting political pressure on the Israelis to get out (of the occupied territories)."

"If a lot of countries recognised the state, it would be much more difficult for the Israelis to refuse to negotiate with it. The object of the exercise must be to exert pressure on Israel," he said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1554 — Britain's parliament re-establishes Roman Catholicism.

1603 — Sir Walter Raleigh's high treason trial opens in Winchester, England.

1812 — Napoleon Bonaparte's Army reaches Russian city of Smolensk in retreat from Moscow.

1927 — Leon Trotsky is expelled from Communist Party in Russia, and Joseph Stalin becomes undisputed ruler.

1933 — Nazis dominate German elections.

1937 — Japanese troops occupy Chinese city of Shanghai.

1941 — Soviet troops halt Germans at outskirts of Moscow in World War II.

1948 — Japan's former Premier Hideki Tojo and other Japanese World War II leaders are sentenced to death.

1956 — Janos Kadar refuses to allow United Nations observers into Hungary; Sudan and Tunisia join United Nations.

1962 — Island of Guam, in Pacific, is devastated by typhoon.

1964 — Rhodesian high court rules Joshua Nkomo's detention illegal.

1965 — UN Security Council calls on all nations to refuse recognition to Rhodesia after that nation's unilateral declaration of independence from Britain.

1977 — Twenty-two nations open Arab League meeting in Tunis, and emphasis is on achieving solidarity.

1987 — At least 25 Tamils on private bus are killed when suspected Tamil militants detonate powerful land mine in northwestern Sri Lanka.



UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar talks with Miss Universe, Pornthip Nakhirankanok. (Reuters wirephoto)

US scrutinises visa request

Arafat seeks to address UN

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 11, (Reuters): PLO leader Yasser Arafat has applied for a visa to come to the United States to address the UN General Assembly later this month. UN and American officials said.

A spokeswoman for the United States mission said the request on Arafat's behalf and for two aides from the Palestine Liberation Organisation had been relayed to the State Department for consideration.

The official said that the PLO group wanted to collect their visas in Tunis, where the organisation has headquarters, on Nov 22 for a New York stay that was undetermined.

Asked if the visas would be granted, the spokeswoman recalled that Arafat had visited the United Nations 14 years ago when the United States was obliged to issue a visa because of

its agreement with the world body that established its headquarters in New York.

She declined to draw the conclusion that a similar course would be followed this time.

In Washington, a State Department official said Arafat's prospects for obtaining a visa would be enhanced if the PLO were to renounce terrorism during this week-end meeting in Algiers of its Palestine National Council.

Opposition
At Israel's UN mission, a spokesman said they had heard about the Arafat visa request unofficially. "We naturally are strongly opposed to any visit of Arafat here," he said.

"We don't consider him a welcome guest in any international forum. The original sin was the very acceptance of the PLO as a UN observer, because it is an

organisation devoted to the destruction of Israel."

The PLO received observer status here after Arafat's 1974 visit and routinely has its representatives participate in UN debates, but without voting rights.

The head of the Observer Mission, Zehdi Labib Terzi, informed Perez de Cuellar on Tuesday that Arafat wanted to visit, a UN spokesman said.

He said that the Secretary-General passed the PLO's formal note on to the UN mission on Wednesday.

A senior UN official said it appeared the State Department would have no option but to grant the requested visas if it was to conform to the headquarters agreement requirement that persons having business with the United Nations must be facilitated.

Massive flood relief plan for Bangladesh

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 11, (AP): Bangladesh's President Hussain Muhammad Ershad and UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar will unveil a \$1.13-billion flood relief plan next week, UN officials said.

About \$200 million has already been pledged toward the immediate and long-term flood relief campaign that Ershad and the UN Secretary-General will formally announce Wednesday, said the officials.

Early in September, about half of Bangladesh was submerged for weeks, affecting 49 million people. Even relief efforts were delayed by the waters that closed the airport.

Perez de Cuellar appointed the UN's undersecretary-general to charge of disaster relief co-ordination, Mohamed Essaafi, as special representative for the emergency in Bangladesh.

Essaafi led a mission to Bangladesh and developed a rehabilitation programme costing \$424 million for immediate relief and \$712 million for long-term flood abatement and reconstruction.

Anti-Ershad protests resume in Dhaka

DHAKA, Nov 11, (AP): At least 20,000 people shouted anti-government slogans during demonstrations yesterday marking the first anniversary of an opposition campaign to topple the government of President Hussain Muhammad Ershad, witnesses said.

The witnesses, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the demonstrators gathered at five separate rallies organised by opposition parties in Dhaka and chanted "Down with Ershad" in unison.

The largest meetings were held under the banner of the seven-party alliance headed by Khaleda Zia of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party and at a rally organised by the eight-party combined led by Sheikh Hasina of the Awami League party.

The two leaders had launched an anti-Ershad campaign on Nov 10, 1987 but the movement fizzled out after the President's Jatiya Party won a majority in March 3 elections to parliament.

Major opposition parties had boycotted the polls, claiming Ershad would rig ballots.

But the opposition movement

lost momentum after the polls and newspapers reported differences between Mrs Zia and Hasina.

The differences apparently remain. Hasina told supporters yesterday that her alliance would not have anything to do with opposition groups which had "secret deals with the cantonment and the government."

Suspicion
The Awami League suspects the Bangladesh Nationalist Party maintains links with the Army.

Mrs Zia's husband, Ziaur Rahman, took over as president in a military upheaval in 1975. He was shot and killed in 1981 during an abortive military coup.

Hasina is the daughter of the country's first President, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who was killed in 1975. The two former presidents were not related.

The ruling Jatiya Party, meanwhile, seemed unperturbed by the renewal of the opposition campaign. "They are observing the anniversary of their failure," said Shah Moazzem Hossain, the party secretary general. "Let them do it."

Pretoria and Moscow at loggerheads

Angolan peace talks resume

GENEVA, Nov 11, (Reuters): South Africa and the Soviet Union were at loggerheads today as South African delegates resumed US-brokered peace talks with Cuba and Angola in Geneva.

South Africa's chief negotiator, Neil Van Heerden, said yesterday he was angry and disappointed at a Soviet suggestion that Pretoria had not shown enough goodwill.

South Africa, Cuba and Angola are negotiating the withdrawal of an estimated 52,000 Cuban troops from Angola in exchange for United Nations-supervised independence for neighbouring Namibia.

Row
The Soviet Union has been in the wings during previous rounds of talks, which have focused increasingly on the timing of a Cuban pull-out.

The current US proposal is for withdrawal starting immediately, continuing during seven-month run-up to UN-supervised elections in Namibia and being completed during its first two years of independence.

The row between South Africa and the Soviet Union broke after comments by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Anatoly Adamishin, who had three hours of informal talks with US Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker yesterday.

Adamishin told a news conference that he was optimistic about a settlement "possibly even in this round of talks."

Controversy
He offered to become directly involved in the peace process "if all the parties want the Soviet Union to take a more direct part in the talks."

But he condemned Pretoria's insistence on setting a timetable for withdrawal before starting the run-up to Namibian elections.

"Cuba and Angola have already shown goodwill for something that South Africa should have done long ago," Adamishin said in comments translated by an interpreter.

"South Africa should not be that finicky about the issue of a total withdrawal of Cuban

troops. Let South Africa show some more goodwill."

Van Heerden accused Moscow of trying to stir controversy before the formal talks even started. He said Pretoria had pulled its troops out unilaterally from Angola and offered two dates, now lapsed, for a start to the Namibian independence process.

"What we want to know is what more can be expected from South Africa," he said.

Crocker was due to begin a series of bilateral meetings with the parties in a Geneva hotel today — the first since the seven-month-old peace talks stalled in New York six weeks ago over the timing of the Cuban withdrawal.

South Africa said last month that it was flexible about the latest US proposal on a timetable. But Cuba and Angola ignored an agreed deadline of Oct 12 to respond to it.

One South African negotiator said his side had come to the talks in a positive state of mind. "We rather expect this to be something of a new ball game," he said.

Miss Universe pleads for children

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 11, (Reuters): Beauty turned diplomat as Miss Universe 1988 came to the United Nations as a fully accredited representative of Thailand to plead on behalf of disadvantaged children everywhere.

"If we work together, I believe we can make a difference in the lives of children everywhere," Pornthip Nakhirankanok told the General Assembly's social committee.

The large committee room was unusually crowded and the visitors gallery almost full when she entered.

The afternoon session had been under way for some minutes when she took her place in the seat reserved for the senior Thai delegate.

Earlier, trailed by photographers, she paid a courtesy call on Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in his UN suite.

When her turn came to speak, she was given a special welcome by the committee chairman, Kuwaiti Ambassador Mohammad Abdullah.

"The welfare of children has always been of great concern to me. It has always been my goal to help unfortunate children in any way I can," Pornthip Nakhirankanok said.

"As Miss Universe and goodwill ambassador of Thailand, I feel I have been given more of an opportunity to realise my dream — to bring the plight of children

Attacks may slow down Soviet pullout

Afghan rebels asked to make careful moves

WASHINGTON, Nov 11, (Reuters): America's military chief said that Afghan rebels should consider whether their increasing attacks on Soviet troops might serve only to slow down the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan.

The stepped up attacks have led the Soviet Union to suspend its pull-out from a country it invaded in 1979 and raised questions whether they will leave by Feb 15 as promised in accords reached last spring.

Admiral William Crowe, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in an interview that he believed the Soviet Union would adhere to the February deadline but noted: "We are talking about a very fluid military situation."

In the interview with Reuters and the international television agency Visnews, Crowe was asked whether he would advise the Afghan mujahedeen to allow the Soviet forces to depart peacefully or to hinder their withdrawal by attacking.

"I would advise the mujahedeen to make very careful calculations in their own interests," Crowe said. "I suspect they see the world differently than I do."

"I think they have some incompatible problems here. Obviously they have not appreciated the Soviet interference and intervention in their country. They want to harm the Soviets. They want the Soviets to pay the price."

Earlier a Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman said that the Soviet decision to suspend withdrawal of its soldiers from Afghanistan is a bid to ensure the Geneva troop withdrawal agreement is obeyed fully.

"We are doing everything possible to implement the Geneva accords in all their elements," spokesman Vadim Perfilov told a regular news briefing.

"In connection with that, we have taken some steps to ensure the implementation of the Geneva accords in full force, including the withdrawal of the Soviet soldiers by Feb 15," he said. "We surely hope that by that date, Feb 15, the pullout will be completed."

The Soviet Union and Afghanistan charge that the supply of weapons to the guerrillas by the United States and Pakistan is a violation of the agreement, signed on April 14.

When he announced the suspension last Friday, First Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh said the Soviets would abide by the agreement as long as the other sides did.

Meanwhile, Afghan Prime Minister Mohammad Hassao Sharq has condemned the US supply of weapons to anti-government rebels and called for an international conference to demilitarise the embattled nation.

Sharq also said at a news conference at UN headquarters that his government is "earnestly hopeful" that the now-suspended Soviet troop withdrawal can be completed by the Feb 15 deadline in the UN-mediated Afghanistan agreement.

But Sharq indicated that complete, on-time withdrawal depends on whether Pakistan and the United States honour the agreement and stop supplying arms to the anti-government Afghan rebels.

Sharq, who does not belong to the governing Communist Party, also said he envisages a neutral, Islamic Afghanistan in which "there could be no discussion of Marxism."

He also said his government probably would propose a Security Council meeting to discuss how to halt arms supplies by Pakistan and the United States to the Afghan rebels.

UN officials said there had been no formal request for a Security Council meeting.

New legislation to open way for multi-party system in Hungary

BUDAPEST, Nov 11, (Reuters): Hungarians will have the right to form political parties under a new law going to parliament next month, Justice Minister Kalman Kulcsar said on Thursday.

Hungary's Communist Party, the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party, has held a monopoly of power since suppressing all other parties in 1948.

"The bill on the right of association sets down the private persons and legal entities may set up political parties, trade unions, interest representations and other social organisations," the Hungarian news agency MTI quoted Kulcsar as saying after a cabinet meeting.

Positive move
A further law yet to be worked out would determine the role of political parties and would be included in a new constitution expected to be worked out by 1990.

"If approved by parliament the law will imply the recognition of the multi-party system," the official agency quoted him as telling Hungarian journalists.

A Western diplomat described it as a positive and exciting move, but added: "We will have to wait to see..."

It remained to be seen if all the independent groups and organisations that have sprung up in Hungary in recent months would be allowed to set up as parties, he said.

Such groups have mushroomed in a more liberal political climate ushered in on May 23, when a special party conference replaced veteran general secretary Janos Kadar with Prime Minister Karoly Grosz.

The new groups include the Hungarian Democratic Forum, a broad movement led by populist writers which has already announced its intention of backing candidates for parliament in elections due in 1990.

The authorities have accepted the forum's founding statutes agreed in September, but are less than happy with a federation of young democrats, known as Fidesz, and the network of free initiatives, which involves several leading dissidents.

Independence

WARSAW, Nov 11, (UPI): In an outburst of Polish patriotism, the government today celebrated an event the 70th anniversary of Polish independence, an event that has been all but ignored for 40 years.

Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski, in a uniform of a general, reviewed Polish troops in front of the tomb of the unknown soldier in Warsaw as a military band played a song that was forbidden until recently, "we are the first brigade."



Pentagon spokesman Dan Howard holds up a photo of the radar-evading Stealth fighter. (Reuters radiophoto)

W. German speaker resigns

BONN, Nov 11, (Reuters): The speaker of West Germany's Parliament resigned today over a speech he made at an anniversary of a Nazi pogrom against Jews and to which he praised the Jewish period of Hitler's rule, ruling party officials said.

Philipp Jenninger, who had said Hitler had restored German pride and that many Germans had thought the Jews deserved to be put in their place, told a meeting of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) of his resignation, they said.

In a statement explaining his resignation, Jenninger said he deeply regretted if he had hurt anybody's feelings.

"The reactions to my speech yesterday before the German Parliament have shocked me, and they depress me," he said. "Many listeners did not understand my speech the way I had intended it."

52 planes deployed at Nevada base

US unveils Stealth fighter

WASHINGTON, Nov 11, (Reuters): The US Air Force has unveiled its secret "Stealth" fighter seven years after development began and the Pentagon's military leader says the Soviet Union apparently has no such weapon in its arsenal.

Lifting the official silence on the programme, the Defence Department announced yesterday that the first odd-shaped F-117A flew in 1981 and that 52 of the planes have been produced and deployed at a secret Nevada base, flying only at night, since 1983.

The Pentagon released a photograph of the V-shaped aircraft with a split tail and said the single-seat, twin-engine jets were built by Lockheed Corp. under a super-secret "black programme."

The Air Force refused to provide even the dimensions of the plane, but defence officials said its shape and composite construction materials are designed

to absorb radar signals or reflect a confusing picture to Soviet radar operations.

"I don't see any indication of it," Navy Admiral William Crowe told Reuters in an interview when asked if the Soviet Union had a similar aircraft. "Obviously they are interested in the technology and obviously they have been doing a great amount of work on it."

Decision

Crowe said the decision to make the announcement was a political one and had been made to allow the testing programme to be expanded to daylight so the plane could eventually be deployed with US forces.

"You just can't do what you've got to do and keep the programme under cover definitely. The (secret) challenge that the Stealth programme presented was tremendous," he told Reuters and the international television agency Visnews.

Man fathers 13 children with 3 of his daughters

DALLAS, Nov 11, (AP): A man who fathered 13 children with three of his daughters has pleaded guilty to sexual assault and indecency with those children, the last of several charges pending against him.

Lewis Charles Elliott, 53, had been scheduled to stand trial Tuesday on one of the remaining charges when his attorney, Pat Robertson, and prosecutors negotiated a plea agreement.

Elliott of Dallas, was sentenced to 20 years on several charges of indecency with a child and three of aggravated sexual assault, and forfeited parental rights under terms of the agreement.

"He got to talk to the family and say goodbye to all of them," Robertson said. "This takes care of all the other 10 cases and he gets to appeal his 50-year case."

Last week, Elliott was sentenced to 50 years in prison following his conviction of sexual assault involving one of the children.

Last year, Elliott was assessed 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to three charges of incest involving the three daughters.

Children
The children range in age from 1 to 8, and the mothers are between 25 and 30, authorities said.

Assistant district attorney Lynne Ann Carstunis said she and fellow prosecutor Dorothy Reid accepted the plea agreement because Elliott was willing to forfeit his paternal rights, saving them that extra legal step.

"We were concerned about the children, having to put all those children through one trial after another," Ms Carstunis said. "We wanted to let the family get on with their lives without him."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tanker crash

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Nov 11, (UPI): Rescuers held out little hope today for 27 crew members missing from a British-owned oil tanker that broke in two, burned and sank in the frigid North Atlantic.

Capt. Mort Macdonnell of the Halifax Rescue Co-ordination Centre said a Canadian Air Force plane would continue the search today but there was little hope any of the crew members could have survived.

"Both sections of the tanker have sunk," Macdonnell said early today. "Both lifeboats were found and no one was spotted."

Special envoys

MOSCOW, Nov 11, (Reuters): The Kremlin sent three top-ranking special envoys to the Baltic republics today following mass protests against proposed constitutional reforms, an Estonian spokesman said.

Politburo members Viktor Chebrikov, Vadim Medvedev and Nikolai Slyunkov were sent to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania respectively, said the spokesman for the Estonian Popular Front, a mass movement involved in organising the protests.

Mitchell dies

WASHINGTON, Nov 11, (AP): Former Attorney-General John Mitchell died on Wednesday evening of a heart attack, a hospital spokeswoman said. Mitchell was 75.

Claudia Dominici, a spokeswoman for George Washington University hospital, said Mitchell died at 6:27 pm (2327 GMT).

The attorney-general is the United States' top law-enforcement official.

Immigration

NEW YORK, Nov 11, (UPI): The new US immigration law gives employers a "tool for discrimination" against anyone who looks for sounds foreign even if they are not undocumented, lawmakers and immigrant rights groups said yesterday in demanding repeal of provisions requiring employers to screen workers.

The community-labour immigrant rights coalition and a state assembly immigration task force said the assembly and New York City council are considering resolutions urging Congress to repeal employer sanction provisions because they have caused widespread, unintended discrimination.

Heavy water

OSLO, Nov 11, (AP): Norway may halt exports of heavy water that can be used to produce nuclear weapons, Foreign Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg told parliament yesterday.

"The issue has not yet been handled and approved by the government," Stoltenberg said, but it was the cabinet's intention to ban the exports.

Stoltenberg was replying to a parliamentary question following reports that Norwegian heavy water was diverted to India. A shipment sold to West Germany in 1982 was re-routed to Basel, Switzerland and then to Bombay, investigations confirmed last week.

Drugs seized

BEIRUT, Nov 11, (AP): The Lebanese Forces Christian militia said yesterday it has seized six million dollars' worth of drugs destined for the United States, France, Italy and Australia in the nation's biggest ever narcotics bust.

A statement by the militia's anti-narcotics branch said the haul, including 33 pounds (15 kilograms) of cocaine and heroin and three tons of hashish, was handed over to the Lebanese police.

Huge diamond

SYDNEY, Nov 11, (Reuters): An Australian oil and mining company said today that a huge uncut diamond recently dug up in the West African country of Guinea fetched \$8.62 million this week.

The price of the 181.77 carat stone equalled \$47,400 a carat, believed to be the highest price per carat ever paid for a rough, uncut diamond, Bridge Oil said in a statement.

Endurance record

MOSCOW, Nov 11, (UPI): Two Soviet cosmonauts orbiting the earth since Dec 21 last year in a test of human endurance for eventual trips to the planet Mars will break their nation's record today for the longest manned space flight.

As commander Vladimir Titov and flight engineer Musa Manarov orbited the earth aboard the space station Mir, there was some confusion in Soviet media as to whether they had already broken the record. Both Radio Moscow and the daily Komsomolskaya Pravda said they had already passed the 326-day record.

EVENTS

Sweet Diwali

SPARKLING lights in Salmiya and Ahliah attracted the attention of many who drove down the by-lanes of the localities where a majority of Indians live. The occasion was the Indian festival Diwali — festival of lights marked by joy, expressed by fireworks and tiny oil lamps and colourful lights decorating homes.

The three day festival marks a new beginning — thus the exuberance and fervour to share the joy with each other. "Open houses" were held from morning to night by most Indians, inviting friends and relatives to eat the Diwali sweets. Even those with a sweet-tooth found the going tough.

Entertainment

On a wider scale, the Indian community organised an entertainment programme at the Indian Arts Circle, on Thursday night. Appropriately, the stage was decorated with tiny diyas (lamps) and the lamp lit by K.T.B. Menon, a leading Indian businessman and philanthropist, kept the proceedings aglow throughout the two and a half hour performance of Narthana's restaging of the ballet "Panchavadi".

The group was trying to recast the magical spell of their successful Nrithotsav '88 show in September. Repeat performances take away the element of surprise. Also absent was the earlier discipline, resulting in some minor mishaps on stage, plus an errant sound system, disappointed some in the audience. So, Narthana's ballet Panchavadi lacked that earlier impact. Yet, there were some moments of grace — in the Uma Thandavam by Balu and Prameela Surendran, in Bharathanatyam "padam" by Sabari, Rama and Neese, and Thillana by Balu.

The Punjabis held the traditional mela (fair) at the IAC. Games and wholesome Punjabi food were the main feature at the mela. The informal get-together brought out droves of Indians to spend the day out. The Diwali Mela was organised by the Punjabi Cultural Society.



A group dance by Narthana students.



Hit the Target: Some of the Punjabis trying their luck at the Diwali Mela.



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Bangladeshi exhibition

A VARIED selection of Bangladeshi handicrafts and industrial products went on show at the Sultan Center last Wednesday. The exhibition was opened by Ambassador of Bangladesh K.M. Shehabuddin in the presence of 15 envoys, representing a cross-section of the expatriate community in Kuwait. The students of the Bangladesh School presented a variety show for the guests. Handicrafts, brassware, ceramics, garments and stone-ware are on show for the next two weeks. Above: Children entertaining guests. Right: Stoneware flower pots on show.



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Goodbye, Sinha

SOME members of the Indian community in Kuwait on Friday hosted a reception for outgoing Indian Counsellor Atish Sinha at the Indian Arts Circle.

Sinha, one of the most popular Indian diplomats in Kuwait, bids farewell to Kuwait at the end of this month. To express their gratitude for Sinha's contribution to the welfare of the Indian community, farewell speeches were made by M. Mathews, C.S.S. Khanpuri, Rajan Nire-shwalia, K.J. Bhandari and M.C. Bose. In his farewell speech, Sinha appreciated the co-operation he received from the Indian community.

Above: Priya Rajkumar presents a bouquet to Sinha as guests look on.

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Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - THURS: 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT - THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; FRIDAYS: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House
SAT - THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

CINEMA

British Council
NOV 16 (6 pm), NOV 17 (10.30 am): Button Moon, a children's film featuring the Spoon Family and their friends, will be shown at the British Council. Children of all nationalities are welcome. Free admission but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204.

MUSIC

Swiss pianist gives recital

NOV 23: Swiss pianist Werner Bartschi will give a recital at the Al Jahra Ballroom, Meridian Hotel. He will play compositions by Bach, Chopin, Janacek, Franck and his own works. Tickets available at the Meridian Hotel.

Piano and Violin Recital
NOV 23: Kuwait Hilton will present a piano and violin recital by Matthias Kellig and Tibor Kovacs. They will play compositions by Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms. Tickets available from the Hilton Lobby.

Rock the Night
NOV 23 (8 pm); Nov 24 (5 and 8 pm): Sounds Great's show at Salmiya Cinema with music by Seventh Sky. Performers include Def Leppard, Joan Jett, Europe, Gary Moore and others. For reservations contact Ken Winston — 5740256/7; Riad — 5386294.

Philippine Song Festival

NOV 25: The Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait will stage their third annual song festival at the Trade Union Hall, Maidan Hawalli, at 4 pm. All Filipinos are welcome.



● The German Food Festival will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel from today until Nov 17. West German Ambassador to Kuwait Dr Bernd Wulffen will open the festival at 8 pm tonight. Highlights include an exhibition of German products to be held in the lobby. German food and music will be featured at the hotel's Al Andalus Supper Club. Above: a scene from a German marketplace.

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THEATRE

Brer Rabbit

Nov 12-18: 6.30 pm. Brer Rabbit, a children's musical show, will be performed at the Universal American School. Directed by Ken Winston.

NOV 17/18: Matinees at 3 pm at the same venue. For reservations call 5740256/7, 9 am - 1 pm; 4.30 - 7 pm; or 5731782.

Bolshoi Ballet

NOV 19 (7.30 pm); Nov 20 (8 pm). Bolshoi and Lithuanian dancers will present Soviet ballet at Al Andalus Cinema. Excerpts from Swan Lake, Don Quixote and other well-known semi-classical works will be presented. Tickets will be available from the Andalus box office from Monday.

Upasana

DEC 8: Upasana presents musical evening at IAC. Old and new songs from Malayalam, Hindi and other regional Indian languages will be presented.

SOCIAL

Contact

NOV 12: SAS Hotel, 10 am: Contact, the ladies information group, will hold a meeting. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. Tel: 487513; 388105.

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SUNDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Thundercats: cartoons
6.30 Fast Forward: "Computers"
7.00 Steel Riders: Lee and Mike get proof and identify the criminals.
7.30 Challenge: a look at wildlife in Africa.
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Flying Doctors: "Bachelors." A patient falls in love with the doctor.
9.30 Hooperman: A mao dies to a shootout with police.
10.00 She's the Sheriff: Hildy is involved in monkey business — when a group of monkeys come to town. Starring: Suzanne Sommers.
10.30 Best-Seller: "The Windmill of the Gods." Based on Sidney Sheldon's best-seller. Starring: Jaclyn Smith, Robert Wagner.
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

MONDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 The Friends of my Friends: this week's show looks at the life of children in Greece.
7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news.
7.30 Out of this World: "A.K.A. Dad." Barbara is convinced Donna's marriage has broken up.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Miami Vice: "The Big Thaw." Crockett and Tubbs become unwilling babysitters and keep watch over a frozen body. Starring Don Johnson.
9.30 In Search Of: The Ice Age...
10.00 You Can't Take It With You: Starring: Harry Morgan. Comedy.
10.30 Jake and the Fatman: "Body and Soul." An industrialist's death baffles the police. Starring: William Conrad and E.

TUESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran



© Norway's Minister of Defence Jorgen Holst, who recently visited Kuwait, pictured with Norwegian Ambassador Hans W. Longva (left) at the SAS Hotel.

CINEMA

Al Andalus
Police Academy V
Starring: Bubba Smith, Janet Smith
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Al Tahaddi (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Obaid, Farouk Fishawi, Farid Shawki
Al Hamra
Ighthal Madrasah (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Obaid, Hisham Salim, Sabirin
Drive-In
Malaf Samiya Sharawi (Arabic)
Starring: Nadiya Al Jundi, Farouk Fishawi, Kamal Shinnawi
Al Firdous
Hum Tere Ashiq Hain (Hindi)
Starring: Jeetendra, Hema Malini, Amjad Khan
Fahadheel Open-Air
Love Story (Hindi)
Al Fahadheel
Mukundetta Sumitra Vilikunnu (Malayalam)
Al Jahra
The Linn Returns (Russian)
Granada
Delta Force Commando
Sulabikha
Khittah Al Shaitan (Arabic)
Al Jleeb
Kakkothi Kavilae Appoppanthadikal (Malayalam)
Ahmadi Drive-In
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TV CORNER

This week on KTV 2

6.10 Dinosaurs: cartoon serial
6.30 Professor Poosangle: children's serial
7.00 Discoveries Underwater: "City Under Sea."
8.00 News in English
8.40 Five Mile Creek: "Gold Fever." Adam Scott is injured and arrested...
9.30 Easy Street: Starring: Loni Anderson
10.00 Secrets and Mysteries: a look at psychology and the progress made in this field of science.
10.30 Yesterday's Dream: oew series about Martin and his estranged wife Diana.
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

WEDNESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 My Pet Monster: cartoon serial
6.30 Wonderstruck: telephone contact in outerspace; a look at mechanical arm; and how paper is produced.
7.00 Pals: Oscar and Sammy prepare for another new adventure.
7.30 Growing Pains: "State of the Union." Jason and Maggie have a difference of opinion and decide to separate.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Probe: James and Castle take a young girl under their wing and protect her from an unknown pursuer.
9.30 The Secret World: a look at evil symbols around the world.
10.00 What's Happening Now: a young girl seeks refuge...
10.30 Fortune Done: a Penny.
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

policeman investigates a massacre in a restaurant.
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

THURSDAY

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Mask: cartoons
6.30 Sesame Street: a programme for young viewers.
7.30 Mac and Muttley
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Highwayman: The highwayman has to race with time to defuse a time bomb placed by a man who has crossed the time barrier.
9.30 The Cosby Show: Comedy.
10.00 Spectacular Sports, Bloopers and Fabulous Fools
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Eight is Enough."
12.00 News in Brief
12.10 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown
FRIDAY
4.00 Holy Quran
4.10 Silver Hawk: cartoons
4.30 Italian Football
5.30 Walt Disney Film: "Left-overs."



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7.00 Star Trek: the Enterprise has to find a spacecraft which is stealing "power" from other spaceships.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Breaking Away
8.40 Big League Soccer: Brian Moore presents highlights of English League football.
9.50 Jack Thompson: Down Under: tonight, a look at sharks; breeding butterflies; yacht race to Australia and other items.
10.30 Diamonds: "Good Hands." An insurance fraud is uncovered.
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: Cartoon serial
9.45 World News via Satellite
10.00 Qurloob Baidah: Arabic serial. Starring: Anwar Ismael, Hala Sudqi, Ahmad Marae
10.45 Good Morning
11.00 Dars Khussousi: daily Arabic serial, starring Suad Abdullah
12.00 News Summary
12.15 Gulf Cuisine
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoons
5.15 Tum Tek and Children
5.45 Nazrat Alal Alam: cultural programme
6.00 Islam Wal Insan: historical serial. Starring: Omar Hariri, Zahrat Al Ula, Anwar Ismael, Hala Fakher.
7.00 News Summary
7.20 Nur Al Islam
7.50 Security and Citizens
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.55 Anfiwan Al Ashiya:



The family takes 'Small Steps' in Our House, tonight on KTV 2.

10.45 Circle of Events
12.00 News Summary
12.05 World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.12 My Little Pony: cartoons
6.44 Short Stories: the story of two children caught in a storm in a jungle
7.00 The Survival Factor: nature. "Big Amy Bird".
7.30 Life with Lucy: "Love Among the

8.00 News in English
8.45 Our House: "Small Steps". Another problem arises when one of the boys is tempted to step out of line.
9.32 The First Eden: "The Mediterranean" presented by David Attenborough.
10.30 Late Night Movie
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

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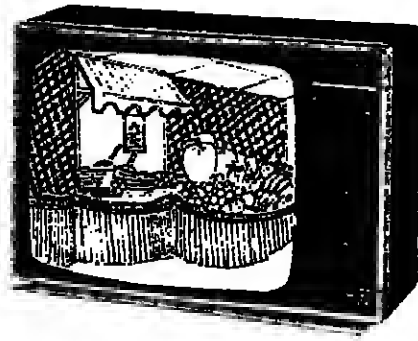
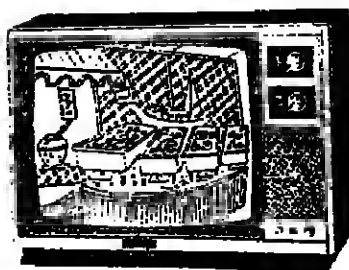
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Sandie Shaw: in her prime

What Jean Shrimpton did for the fashion world of the Sixties, Sandie Shaw did for music. She's back on the scene with her first album in 20 years being released in a welter of hype.

By Sue Pilkington

HERS was the figure that launched a thousand look-alikes; all of them barefoot, bopping, swinging manes of dark, fringed hair, with legs that went on forever.

What Jean Shrimpton did for the fashion world of the Sixties, Sandie Shaw did for pop music. Seeing her now is like being caught in a time warp; the face — give or take a wrinkle or three — is still gorgeous.

Recently *Hello Angel* (Rough Trade), her first album in 20 years, is released in a welter of hype: music to put goosebumps on your goosebumps; the final revelation of the real Sandie Shaw. But hasn't she been this way before? No, she says. When she was 17 she always seemed to be recording with old men so now it's refreshing, like her second youth — well really, it's her first because she never had a youth, did she?

Sandie's new career — "It's not a comeback because I'm not going back anywhere" — is, it seems, due in no small measure to a young cult singer almost half her age called Stephen Morrissey, who bombarded her with fan mail, declaring a mad, passionate love. (She had never heard of either her young suitor or his now-defunct cult band, The Smiths.)

But Morrissey was a remarkably persuasive young man and within months the reclusive Sandie had recorded one of his songs; the theme was that of her former Sixties love songs but with lyrics like: "Hand in glove, the sun shines out of our behinds." The popular press had a field day; headlines like: "Sixties Sandie hand in glove with the rock shockers" were splashed alongside photographs of a sexy, leather-clad Sandie and her young admirer.

The record sold 20,000 copies within three days of its release. But that was five years ago. She and Morrissey remain close friends — but she has decided that musically she's got to do her own thing. She describes it as heart music. "The music industry is run as a business and the easiest thing to sell is sex. My music goes against the flow." But, she says, young people aren't as sex mad as we used to be; she finds young men more willing to admit to their sensitivity.

She talks of the concerts she's done for students; how, in the end, she was running out of repertoire and just inviting them backstage to get what they wanted, which varied from proposals of an unacceptable sort to help with a thesis.

"They wanted my angle on things because I've been through such a lot and was still a figure they could respond to and respect. They could be part of something that they regarded as quite mythical because there aren't sort of real, like, legends about now; it's all this image stuff and as far as I'm concerned I keep telling them that an icon just is, you don't sit down and work out an image for yourself. I mean, you just are, because you're an original. You can't fake originality."

Raucous
She was an original all right: the short-sighted daughter of a Deansham welder who gate-crashed her way into pop superstardom via Adam Faith's dressing room had one of the most raucous voices, but she belted out his like *There's Always Something There To Remind Me* and *Girl Don't Come* in rapid succession; and we all loved her.

And then came the Eurovision Song Contest: a tamer, housebroken Sandie emerged, the edges blurred by soggy lyrics and bouncy, anodyne melodies; she had become little

more than a Puppet on a String. By the early Seventies, it was marriage (to the fashion designer, Jeff Banks), a baby daughter Grace and Sandie announced she was bored with singing and was quitting show business for full-time marriage and motherhood.

Now a 41-year-old mother of three, she is married again, this time to the film producer, Nik Powell, the head of Palace Pictures. Contrary to rumour, he is not filthy rich but she has no financial worries. Things have never been so right. She refuses to talk about the past, the manipulations and subsequent loss of earnings after what must have been a pretty lucrative start, the crash of her first husband's clothes business. She does say she was poor; Jeff couldn't help financially with Grace for a very long time.

Star
But there are, she says, no regrets, none at all. Being a star was like an apprenticeship: "I've been incredibly fortunate. If I'm not satisfied with the way I did things the first time around, I keep getting chances to do them again." She and Nik have two children, five-year-old Amy and three-year-old Jack. Grace lives with them in central London, too.

She shies away from questions about her relationship with Nik. It is, she says, "normally abnormal". What does he think of her new career? He wasn't quite aware of it at first, wondered why she was staying out at nights and going away; she over-discusses her music with him. But he is incredibly good at being objective about situations. If she has a business knot and is getting too involved, he can go boom, boom, boom in five minutes and arrange it in a way that she can deal with.

She is, then, a very liberated woman? "I think I'm a Renaissance woman in every sense. I don't know what being a liberated woman is. It's very Sixties talk."

At 36, her husband is five years her junior; so she is, both publicly and privately, surrounded by younger men. "It is," she says, "the way to be. I have this theory that men never grow up before 40



Sandie Shaw: born-again pop star

anyway, so if you're going to have somebody immature, you might as well have them looking young, too. Anyway, I just don't fancy older men."

But really she doesn't see her fans as younger people; they are her kind of people. It's a matter of being aware and impassioned; people who are thinking they can still change things, and that's just an extension of the way she is. She once said she would grow old disgracefully; it was, she now says, sort of a joke though there was an essence of what she believes in. If growing old gracefully means going around in Liberty prints, never venturing out to concerts or getting stuck into those Sunday supplements, then, yeah, she'll do it disgracefully.

Buddhist
Ten years ago Sandie became a member of the Nichiren Shoshu Buddhist sect, something she said at the outset she preferred not to discuss, "because it always comes out like born-again-pop-star and all that crap."

Now she talks about how it's

helped her to understand and take responsibility for her life; it's why she really enjoys singing in public. It is, she says, almost euphoric: "I can go through all these different characters and parts of me and share them with people. I really feel that I know everybody."

There is, she says, so much she wants to do with her life; she plans another album next year with more of her own lyrics and then there's the book: autobiographical sketches rather than an A-Z volume of Sandie Shaw. She'll only use the past if it has some relevance to now. She has already written six stories for children which she hopes to turn into a video; she gets so disgusted with the state of stuff that you can buy. She's still not very sure that she wants to be famous though, to be honest, she thinks it's something she's lumbered with. She's seen people with their jaws dropping when they see her on the bus or in a shop. She figures she might as well make this persona work for her instead of just being some kind of museum piece.

Beach Boys make it two weeks in a row in US Milli Vanilli top UK charts

LONDON, (AP): Milli Vanilli, the Franco-German male duo, took top place in this week's British pop chart with their dance song *Girl You Know It's True*.

Orinoco Flow by Irish folk-rock singer Enya, former lead singer for Clannad, dropped to second place after two successive weeks at the top.

American singer Robin Beck entered the top 10 at No. 3 with *First Time*. This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd, the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in brackets:

Top Ten UK

- (4) *Girl You Know It's True* — Milli Vanilli — Cool Tempo.
- (1) *Orinoco Flow* — Enya — WEA.
- (—) *First Time* — Robin Beck — Mercury.
- (7) *Stand Up For Your Love Rights* — Yaz — EMI.
- (6) *She Makes My Day* — Robert Palmer — EMI.
- (2) *Je Ne Sais Pourquoi* — Kylie Minogue — PWL.
- (3) *Kiss* — Art of Noise — Virgin.
- (5) *We Call It Aced* — D. Mob — London.
- (—) *Real Gone Kid* — Deacon Blue — CBS.
- (8) *Harvest For the World* — Christians — Island.

In New York, Kokomo and the Beach Boys stayed on for the second week in a row at the top of the single pop record charts in the United States.

The *Escape Club's* *Wild, Wild West* moved up one notch to second place on the Cash Box magazine chart, while Bon Jovi's *Bad Medicine* dropped from fourth to third position.

Last week's number two hit, *Groovy Kind of Love* by Phil Collins, topped to seventh. *How Can I Fall by Breathe* jumped onto the top 10 list, up from 11th to 9th. The week's only other newcomer was a double-decker *Baby, I Love Your Way* and *Freebird Medley* (Free Baby) by Will to Power, up from 13th to 10th.

As for the country-and-western singles, Southern Pacific's

New Shade of Blue, took over the top of the Cash Box magazine chart. Runaway Train by Rosanne Cash was second, and *Desperately* by Don Williams was third.

The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

Top Ten US

- (1) *Kokomo* — The Beach Boys (Elektra).
- (2) *Wild, Wild West* — The Escape Club (Atlantic).
- (4) *Bad Medicine* — Bon Jovi (Mercury-Polygram).
- (5) *The Loco-Motion* — Kylie Minogue (Geffen).
- (7) *Desire* — U2 (Island).
- (6) *One Moment in Time* — Whitney Houston (Arista).
- (2) *Groovy Kind of Love* — Phil Collins (Atlantic).
- (10) *Kissing a Fool* — George Michael (Columbia).
- (11) *How Can I Fall by Breathe* (A and M).
- (13) *Baby, I Love Your Way* — Freebird Medley (Free Baby) — Will to Power (Epic).

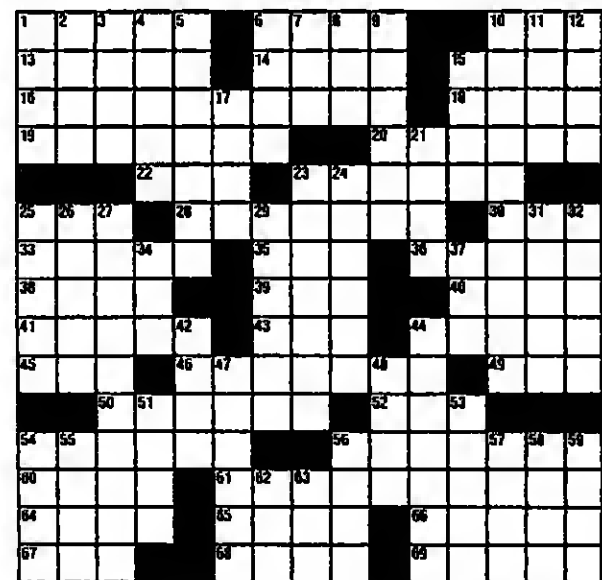
The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (4) *New Shade of Blue* — Southern Pacific (Warner Brothers).
- (1) *Runaway Train* — Rosanne Cash (Columbia).
- (5) *Desperately* — Don Williams (Capitol).
- (6) *I've Been Looking* — The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (Warner Brothers).
- (7) *I'll Leave This World Loving you* — Ricky van Shelton (Columbia).
- (2) *Summer Wind* — The Desert Rose Band (MCA-Curb).
- (9) *Boogie Woogie Fiddle* — Country Blues — Charlie Daniels Band (Epic).
- (11) *I Know How He Feels* — Reba McEntire (MCA).
- (8) *What Do You Want From Me This Time* — Foster and Lloyd (RCA).
- (12) *If You Ain't Lovin' (You Ain't Livin')* — George Strait (MCA).



Kylie Minogue: a hit on both sides of the Atlantic

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Troublemaker in Troy
 - 9 Muscat's capital
 - 10 Mico
 - 13 Solo
 - 14 "New" into old bottles
 - 15 Broad-topped hill
 - 16 Road for sweethearts
 - 18 Always
 - 19 Record players
 - 20 Protect
 - 22 Explosive initials
 - 23 Chicle gum
 - 25 100%
 - 26 Gets away
 - 30 Golf teacher
 - 33 Society idols
 - 35 Cool
 - 36 November birthstone
 - 38 Etna outpouring
 - 39 Stout
 - 40 Choir member
 - 41 Europe's 2nd largest lake
 - 43 Swamp
 - 44 Dutch painter
 - 45 Salt
 - 46 Accelerated
 - 49 Compass
 - 50 Actor David Ogden
 - 52 Thing in law
 - 54 Remova
 - 56 Flying ace Don of WW II
 - 60 Fishes of the future
 - 61 Affectionate
 - 64 Seven
 - 65 Eden dweller
 - 66 Expanse
 - 67 High mountain
 - 68 Soaks
 - 69 Charters
- DOWN**
- 2 Chums
 - 3 Thanks —
 - 4 Wander
 - 5 Torpid
 - 6 Tranquilizes
 - 7 Hooters and screechers
 - 8 Actress Farrow
 - 9 Arbor, Mich.
 - 10 Tomatoes
 - 11 Sign
 - 12 Charge
 - 15 Went away
 - 17 Tosses
 - 21 Word with naar or far
 - 22 Suraty money
 - 23 Acid on
 - 24 Add on
 - 25 Apponion
 - 26 Vine
 - 27 Amorous grand
 - 28 Scarab
 - 31 Prices
 - 32 Upper atmosphere layer
 - 34 Nitpick
 - 37 Tidbit for Dobbin
 - 42 Orient
 - 44 Stephen, the poet
 - 47 Hawkar
 - 48 1934 Nobel prizewinner
 - 51
 - 53 Hoard
 - 54 Heavily bear
 - 55 Coward of note
 - 56 Muffs
 - 57 Popular name in Moscow
 - 58 "— we forgot..."
 - 59 Kipling
 - 59 Givas a once-over
 - 62 Lyric poem
 - 63 Barrel

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

CAGE BOSH TMEN
RUIN EMER REOD
ERAS EAGLE ERGO
MANNAPFROMHEAVEN
ESTATES EAT
ROO CLARENCE
SALEM GAIT OAL
OLE DARES ASK
LOAF EVEN TAPES
DEPARTED BOW
TEA REGALIA
OISHFITFORAKING
ROUE NORSE ECON
EWER SWEET NINE
WAOS NEISS STEW

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ KJ873 ♠ AQ72 ♦ AQ ♣ 83
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
2 ♣ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

What action do you take?
A.—Partner has a weak hand with a broken club suit and little else. With 11 points or more, he would have responded two clubs initially; and had his club suit been good, he would have bid two clubs and then three clubs. Therefore, you have little chance of making three no trump—you have no source of tricks. Pass.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K87632 ♠ 5 ♦ Q83 ♣ 762
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
1 ♣ 3 NT Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—You were not invited to participate in the bidding, so pass. Had partner wanted to hear about your spades, he would have doubled. You can expect him to have a long, running club suit, a heart stopper and perhaps a card or two in the other suits.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ A9863 ♠ Q7 ♦ AQ6 ♣ Q95
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—Avoid rebidding a weak five-card major suit if there is any alternative, and don't bid two no trump with an unstopped suit, either. Since you don't want to bid a diamond fragment, by a process of elimination you arrive at a raise to three clubs.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K102 ♠ K95 ♦ J6 ♣ AJ1043
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass ?

What action do you take?
A.—The double fit has improved your hand considerably, but for the moment be content to show your spade support by taking a preference to three spades. This is a forcing action. If partner has a magic

hand, you could have a slam. The next move, however, is up to him.

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ KQJ872 ♠ K5 ♦ 872 ♣ K7
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—Obviously, you have no intention yet of supporting partner, so it's simply a matter of how many spades to bid. Two spades would be discouraging, and your hand is too good for that; but neither your hand nor your suit is quite strong enough for four spades. That leaves the invitational bid of three spades, which seems to fit the bill perfectly.

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 72 ♠ 83 ♦ AKJ6 ♣ AK982
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass ?

What do you bid now?
A.—Monotonous of partner, isn't it? Although he surely has at least a partial heart stopper, don't even think about three no trump—unless you can take four fast spade tricks, there is no way you'll come to nine. With at least an eight-card fit (partner must have six or seven spades), four spades is the place to play, so bid it.



"At least nobody can accuse me of being a good-time girl!"



"Will you stop pretending you're too young to have a bus pass?"

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



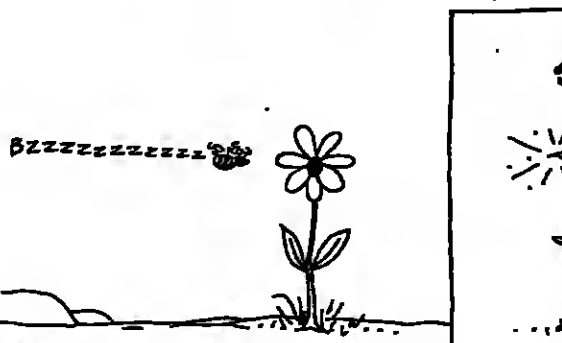
WHAT IS IT THAT KEEPS YOU GOING, BUNGO?



THE LITTLE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE FUNNEL

B.C.

By Johnny Hart



SLAM



"STOP AND SMELL THE FLOWERS, INDEED!"

YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You should make sure you do not while the time away. Avoid indulging in wishful thinking. Do not be in too much of a rush but do not dawdle either. Be less negligent.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should not try to ignore certain unpleasant facts: face up to them. You would be quite wrong to think that you are the only one who knows the right answer. You should not allow your imagination to run free. Be moderate.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have some success but you must not allow it to go to your head. Your private life is going to take a turn for the better. Make sure you spend less on trifles. Be tactful.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will be better able to distinguish between what is and what you would like to be. There will be some conflict and tension but you will know how to deal with them. Make an extra effort to show your partner how much you care for him/her.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will meet someone very much to your liking, but you should not betray a confidence. Do not do anything that threatens your independence. Have a good laugh at yourself. Be courteous.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You should make sure you do not lose touch with an old friend. You must have a little more faith in yourself. A cold or throat infection must not be neglected. Be frank.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You are all too liable to live in the past and should snap out of it. You are more likely to lose your temper, but if and when you do you should try not to be with anyone. Do all you can to avoid getting things out of proportion. Be tactful.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will have to fight hard to preserve your peace of mind. You will not be quite satisfied with your lot but should consider how much worse things could have been. Make sure you do not forget an important birthday or anniversary.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Something that has been tormenting you will become easier to bear. You will tend to be preoccupied with something relatively trivial. You should give credit where it is due. Be sincere.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will find it easier to think constructively. If you do a little of some less pleasant chore each day it will not become a menace. Avoid being boastful. Be considerate.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

By all means concentrate on what you like doing but do not altogether ignore what has to be done. An obstacle you thought would be formidable will turn out to be quite easy to overcome.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You should watch your belongings carefully when out and about, you are more liable to be pickpocketed. You will have some good luck but not as much as you would have liked. Avoid jumping to conclusions as well as being resentful.

Two views on the life of the bard

In search of the real Shakespeare

By Richard Heller

THE FEW indisputable facts about William Shakespeare would fit in the blank spaces on a £20 note.

These are the dry details recorded by the efficient Elizabethan bureaucracy of church and state. So we know about his birth, his hasty marriage to a pregnant Anne Hathaway and the births, marriages and deaths of children.

We know, too, of payments for jobs, his purchases of property, his role in lawsuits, his strange will and his death.

Tribute

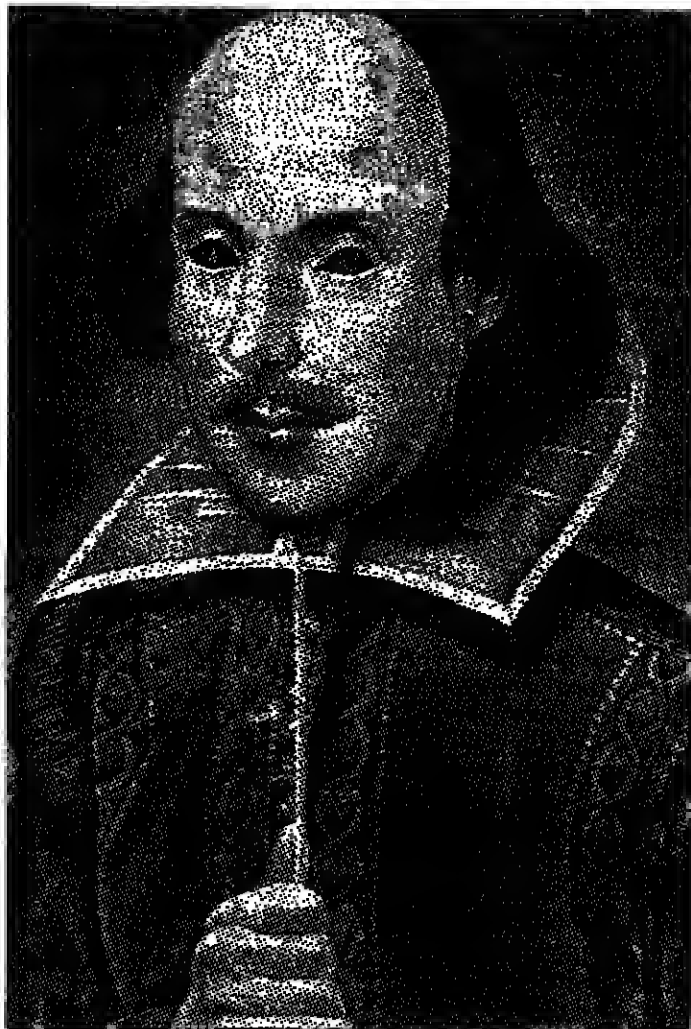
And we know that Shakespeare's contemporaries thought the world of him as a dramatist. But they left very little record of him as a man.

Most of the anecdotes about him were concocted after his death.

It is a bizarre tribute to Shakespeare's work that people believe someone else must have written it.

There have been almost as many discoveries of the 'real' Shakespeare as sightings of Lord Lucan.

The latest effort is by a 77-year-old American writer, Charlton Ogburn, who has spent 12 years on his quest. In the *Mystery of William Shakespeare* Ogburn will reveal that the Bard was in fact the Earl of Oxford, an Elizabethan minor poet and courtier who went into self-imposed exile from court on his estates after a series of rows with important people. He has been a candidate



William Shakespeare: Is there a mystery behind the mask?

Bard before, but he has never had such a fierce champion as Ogburn, who has worked up a mass of material into an intricate literary detective story.

Ogburn suggests that the Earl kept his authorship secret to avoid social and political stigma, and used William Shakespeare, a provincial hack, as a front.

Like other anti-Shakespeareans Ogburn relies heavily on snobbery.

He argues that the works display too much skill and learning for a Stratford grammar school oik like Shakespeare W

Oxford died in 1604. Thirteen 'Shakespeare' plays first appeared afterwards. Ogburn does not explain satisfactorily how these plays managed to stay in cold storage.

It is terribly hard to believe that the greatest play ever written for the stage were written by an amateur oobleman in hiding from the actors who performed them.

Moreover Oxford was known to be vain about his literary reputation and he quarrelled with other writers. Could such a man have obscured his genius behind a provincial nobody? Would he never have boasted 'I am Shakespeare' in drink or rage?

Possion

Ogburn's excursion is both erudite and enjoyable.

But at the end I find it as easy to believe that Shakespeare's plays were written by Ernie Wise.

Now Peter Levi, the Oxford Professor of Poetry, is totally convinced that Shakespeare wrote Shakespeare. In *The Life and Times of William Shakespeare* he fleshes out William Shakespeare as, quite simply, a professional playwright and poet of genius.

Levi is at his best when, as a poet himself, he communicates his own passion for Shakespeare's poetry. It is enjoyable to read it as a

personal 'golden treasury', especially since many of Peter Levi's favourites are unfamiliar and unexpected.

Since much of his account of Shakespeare himself is inevitably speculative, I wish he had speculated more about the way in which Shakespeare actually wrote his plays.

Shakespeare's company sounds terribly like a Hollywood studio: it asked for work in a hurry, in different styles, it demanded rewrites and held script conferences, and it forced him to produce star parts for actors like Burbage and Kemp the clown.

Shakespeare had no use of today's problems with demanding actresses — but he had to tailor his women's roles to the range of boy actors. Levi points out that Antony and Cleopatra had to be remodelled because the boy Cleopatra could not cope with appearing drunk.

Unfortunately Levi flatters his readers by assuming they have the same depth of learning as himself — and his narrative is slowed by an excess of scholarly references.

An appendix repeats his claim to have found a new set of Shakespearean verses, which received a public critical hammering earlier this year. In spite of these hemishes I have to vote for Professor Levi against the fierce challenge of Ogburn.

The Mystery of William Shakespeare by Charlton Ogburn, Cardinal £7.99

The Life and Times of William Shakespeare by Peter Levi, Macmillan £16.95

Of native English speakers

By D. Lessing

"I SEEK, in London, the hovel of the Swiss, in the Jungle of the Holy Jahya," explains an Afghan professor, trying to locate the author, in St John's Wood.

Many similar cultural clashes are offered in this sequel to *In Darkest England* continuing Idries Shah's quest, aided by Asian and English friends, to find an answer to the forever fascinating question: What are the English really like?

If, like me, you think it is useful to meet people who can, if only for a moment, make you see your own culture through sharply different, but sympathetic eyes, this book is for you. Idries Shah is an Afghan, from an ancient family with a traditional and continuing role in that country, was educated in North India and had an English nanny.

His distinguished father, the Sirdar Iktal Ali Shah, took him from an early age as secretary and companion on his travels.

Inheriting his father's special position in the Muslim world, he is mediator between cultures, acquaintance of Eastern monarchs and rulers, and is based in this country, where his friends range from dustmen to dukes.

It is a tradition that the sons of such families, having been given every educational advantage, are sent out to sink or swim; only by testing themselves do the young learn self-reliance.

This means Shah has experienced England in ways few of his natives can, bound as most are by its famous class divisions. He likes all kinds of things about England and maintains that the English have many Afghan traits. He thinks they have something like a



group mind, which is slow to make decisions, calm, uses their eccentricities to advantage ("The Madman knows what he is doing" — Afghan proverb), remembers that things are seldom what they seem, dislikes dogma, and has a rooted distrust of theories and academics. "Just look at what the English have absorbed in the past, the pathetic remains of once proud systems, groups, convictions, brought in from abroad, and you will be looking at what many of today's threats will seem like in future."

Their capacity for absorption is unlimited: he lists many

of England's cherished institutions, words and ideas that have originated abroad, often in Asia, and relates how, in a northern town, he is invited to a "morum" — a term understood by both British and Pakistani citizens.

This turns out to be a "mu'atima", a meeting in this case a regular between-the-cultures party and discussion: "One day, I am sure, there will not be a city, town, or village without a regular morning." And we will have forgotten where the term originated.

The book could be seen as a witty demolition-job on the British system of royalty, nobility, titles and so on. Perhaps Shah's attitudes come from the fact that all European titles are Johnny-come-lately compared to some of the ancient lineages of the East, but he has certainly enjoyed his researches, watching aliens buy or acquire titles, and discussing the glorious irrationality of it all with the English aristocracy.

As for me, I like having my own conviction confirmed: that most Brits regard the whole thing as an enjoyable charade. (Yes, only an unregenerate ex-colonial could entertain such a heresy.)

I can't imagine anyone not enjoying this many-angled book, such a rich mix of anecdote, information ... and history.

Did you know that King (Magnus Carta) John applied to become a subject of the Emir of Morocco, offering to become Muslim, when the clues of the Muslim world were centres of learning, and this country was to put it mildly, backward? As a result England was put under papal interdict because of King John's infidelity.

The Natives Are Restless by Idries Shah, Octagon, £8.95.

From copywriting to the Booker prize

By Charles De Lisle

PETER CAREY is always winning prizes. Last year he received a clutch of international awards for a series of commercial novels for frozen fish, set in an underwater restaurant. Recently he captured the £15,000 Booker prize, for *Oscar and Lucinda*.

There is no doubt which of the awards will have given him the greatest pleasure. Carey, who has combined writing with advertising since 1965, has only persisted with his copywriting over the past decade to underpin his rapidly developing literary career.

Despite the lucrative spin-offs from the Booker, and the earlier success of the novels *Bliss* and *Ilywhacker*, both of which have been turned into films, he will keep a toe (two afternoons a week) in advertising for some time yet. He remains creative director of McSpedden Carey, the Sydney agency that he and Bani McSpedden sold earlier this year.

Expansive Peter Carey is an expansive story-teller with a formidable grasp of language. A surrealist in his early work, he has increasingly opted for an exaggerated realism. His detail is elaborate and, for much of *Oscar and Lucinda*, he moves between long, episodic narrative and a Victorian novel. His descriptions of colonial Sydney, in particular, have led reviewers to compare him to Dickens.

Set in mid-19th century England and Australia, the

novel highlights the massacre and dispossession of Aborigines by the early settlers. It tells the story of the relationship between Oscar Hopkins, a disgraced Anglican clergyman, and Lucinda Leplastrier, a ferociously independent young glass factory owner, who are drawn together by a mutual passion for gambling and an inability to fit into the brutal male culture of Sydney.

Not for the first time, Carey started at the end, with the image of a glass church floating down a river on a barge, and dreamed up the story from there.

Although he is 45, Carey could be mistaken for an enthusiastic schoolboy. Tall, gaunt and bespectacled, with pale skin and a long neck, he might well be the eccentric inventor that, in literary terms at least, he clearly is.

His father and grandfather were both car dealers, in the working-class town of Bacchus Marsh, near Melbourne. From primary school Carey went, rather surprisingly, to Geelong Grammar where, as he puts it, "the children of Australia's Best Families all spoke with English accents."

After failing a university science course, the most obvious job option — a position in P. S. Carey Motors — was closed. "Had there been room for me," he says, "I'd still be selling cars to Bacchus Marsh quite happily."

Instead, he went into advertising, receiving the unexpected bonus of a literary and political



Peter Carey: expansive story-teller

education from his seniors. He married at 21 and, in 1968, disillusioned with the "nasty" Australia of the Vietnam draft era, emigrated to Britain with his wife Leigh.

Neither his advertising nor his novel-writing prospered and, two years later, the couple felt drawn home. "I wanted to go back," he says. "I felt that I was Australian."

For much of the Seventies, Carey lived on communes in Queensland, writing, growing vegetables and commuting to Sydney by aeroplane to work one week in four devising offbeat commercials.

His marriage broke up and in 1984, with his literary career firmly established, he moved back to Sydney permanently. Not long afterwards he was married again, to Alison Summers, a theatre artistic director. They live with their two-year-

old-son, Sam, in a harbourside terrace house in the fashionable suburb of Birchgrove.

Carey still veers well to the left on many issues but, as a friend of 20 years put it, "Since he married Alison he's lost that slightly offhand bravado and become quite charming."

Carey agrees that he has changed a great deal. "I'm not the brittle smart-arse I used to be," he told me, half-jokingly. Highly disciplined and driven, "hyper" is one of his favourite words, and it suits him.

He likes his work to that of a cartoonist. "I look at things which exist, and push them to their ludicrous and logical extension. When you push far enough, you can find yourself in some strange and original places."

● *Oscar and Lucinda* is published by Faber at £10.95.

Leaving readers baffled but intrigued

By James Adams

IN most intelligence work it is intellect not muscle that is the key to success. Analysis and the piecing together of disparate strands of information to produce a tentative conclusion can dictate the survival of armies and the fate of nations.

Within this cerebral context there is an inevitable moral content: Spy and counter-spy see at first hand all the failings of man — the infidelities, materialism, vanity and ambition that drive people to betray their country.

Rich

For the novelist this is rich territory and authors like Graham Greene and John Le Carré have made the most of it. But both these authors owe much to the writing of historical novels about another era. Deighton at least describes a more recent generation.

Spy Hook is the first of a new trilogy (the sequels will be *Line and Sinker*). The action begins three years after London Match finished and once again it is the paranoid and obsessive Bernie Sampson who holds centre stage, wallowing in his inner sense of failure while obsessively examining details for their hidden meaning (and the unintended, or more probably intended, slight) in order to expose Soviet spies in the heart of British intelligence.

Style

As always Deighton's laconic style captivates, while his impossibly complex plot leaves the reader baffled but intrigued. Like so many of Deighton's novels, there is a recurring theme of betrayal and failure which stops just short of the depressing. That, in fact, is the one real criticism of this book. Real spies have a sense of humour.

Spy Hook by Len Deighton, Hutchinson £11.95 pp267

An old rogue's testament

By H. Trevor-Roper

"I ONCE looked up to you. My God, how I despise you now! I hope you've got enough decency to understand why." Kim Philby would hardly have been human if these words, addressed to him by a former friend and defender when he at last admitted that he had all along been a Russian spy, had not disturbed him; and in the remaining 25 years of his life, as a protected and privileged pensioner in Moscow, he set out to rationalise his defences.

On stage in this process was marked by his autobiography, *My Silent War*, a very skilled apology, as well as a work of disinformation.

Occasionally, very occasionally, he would receive a sympathetic Western visitor on whom he would expend his intelligent, worldly, convivial charm.

The last and most favoured of these was Philip Knightley, whose new book — a sympathetic biography improved by the commentary of its subject — must be regarded as the old rogue's testament: the image he offers to history.

Why should we wait to hear more, or again, about Philby, or indeed about any of those Cambridge spies of the 1930s who took themselves so seriously and their natural loyalties so lightly: their co-versions and perversions, their introverted machinations and Thracian orgies?

There is not something morbid in such a continuing interest in them, now that they are dead and even then the paranoid Wright has been unable to discover any more of them?

Problem

Knighley is too aware of this problem and offers his own answer. Philby, he says, "just by being in Moscow", performed a useful function.

He forced us to examine our attitudes to patriotism, treachery, class and political conviction... forced us to think about the duty of the citizen to the state and wonder if we too, given the right circumstances, could be traitors."

Well, of course, given the right circumstances we could. But what are the right circum-

stances? We respect those Germans who were "traitors" to the Nazi regime out of a higher loyalty to their country or humanity.

We agree, at times, with Dr Johnson that patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel. We agree that political obligation is conditional, not absolute. We agree, with Antigone, that there are certain moral laws which are more binding than political duties. We may even allow that questionable acts may be palliated by the "sincerity", the honest conviction, of particularly stupid people. These arguments, or variations of them, are implicit in Philby's self-defence.

The difficulty is that they simply do not apply, either to him or to any of that gang. The "circumstances" are not "right". Philby and Co. did not respect conditions: they plunged for total surrender. They had not the justification of stupidity: they were all highly educated intellectuals. They did not appeal to a morality which transcended politics.

Their Cambridge guru, E.M. Forster, advocated the betrayal of country rather than of friends. Philby reversed the formula. He explicitly defended his betrayal of his friends by claiming a higher loyalty — loyalty not to his own country but to the political system of Stalio and his successive executioners — Yagoda, Yezhov, Beria: the heads of the organisation in which he was so proud to rise to the rank and privileges of a general.

Members of the Western intelligence community have maintained that Philby did great harm to Western interests and ruined all their work. Although he certainly made them look very foolish, and wasted a lot of public money, I do not believe that his treachery did much real harm, and I cannot think what Knighley means by saying that the service which

Philby claimed to have given to the Russians during the war, "if true, may well have altered the course of history."

I have no doubt that both Philby and Blunt told the Russians that the West had Ultra, but the substance of Ultra was in fact officially communicated to them, and from their apparent indifference to it, I suspect that they had already, by their own efforts.

Philby certainly upset certain Western operations during the Cold War, but those operations, it is now generally conceded, were halfbaked and would have failed anyway.

My reason for rejecting Philby's defence is not any damage that his treachery may have done to our real interests, which is questionable, but the fundamental dishonesty of the defence itself. For basically it is that he and the other Cambridge spies were free spirits, superior to the vulgar loyalties of country, class, conventional morality. That's why, in the 1930s, that Stalinism was right: absolutely right. If it had superficial blemishes they would change: it would be validated by "the verdict of history."

Liberal democracy was allowed no such capacity for change. It was wrong: absolutely wrong. One could as rationally have said that the blemishes of Nazism were superficial: that it too would be validated by history.

And how nearly it was! In 1939 Stalin signed the Russo-German Pact which made war certain and German victory likely. Philby's less arrogant fellow-converts to England then shed their illusions. They saw that they had been the tools — Stalin's "useful idiots" — of an irresponsible Realpolitik. Only in the little Cambridge enclave did these superior spirits remain imprisoned in the abject bigotry which their most articulate member now seeks, posthumously, to justify.

Knighley's book is well-constructed, well written, sensible.

PHILBY: KGB MASTER SPY by Philip Knightley, Deutsch, 291 pp, £14.95

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: I hate to admit it, but I guess I'm finally reaching menopause. I've tried to learn about treatment of the condition, but there seems to be more than one point of view. Could you explain Estrogen Replacement Therapy and why it's necessary? Is it safe?

ANSWER: During a woman's childbearing years, her ovaries produce the hormone estrogen. This female hormone is responsible for many feminine qualities, such as living a woman full breasts and soft skin.

When a woman reaches menopause, her ovaries gradually reduce estrogen production. This can lead to temporary problems such as "hot flashes," night sweats, fatigue, irritability, headaches or tension. Many women experience pain or discomfort during intercourse, because estrogen is responsible for lubrication of the vagina.

To relieve these symptoms, many women put on Estrogen Replacement Therapy (ERT). The hormone can be administered in any different forms, such as pills, injections, vaginal suppositories, ointments, or implanted under the skin, skin patches, etc.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Saudi state oil company reflects move closer to consumer

ABUDHABI, Nov 11, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia's move to restructure its oil industry will help free the world's biggest producer from dependence on Western oil companies and allow it to enjoy lucrative markets serving Western consumers directly.

Gulf economists and oil analysts said Riyadh's announcement on Wednesday that it would establish the Saudi Arabian Oil Company heralded an acceleration of its move into oil refining, marketing and distribution overseas.

Such a strategy would mean Arab buyers take over more US and European oil interests. The kingdom established two crude oil marketing companies in London and New York this year.

Process "By no means are the Western majors finished yet but this is a process which will continue," said a Western oil manager.

The reason is simple. Arab oil producers have traditionally received their money for crude oil straight from the ground.

If they could add value along the processing line until it reached the driver at the petrol pump and industrial users in Western nations, they would get more for their oil at more stable prices.

The Arabian American Oil Co (ARAMCO), owned by the four big oil firms Texaco, Chevron, Exxon and Mobil, produces, refines, and markets Saudi oil. The first three hold 28.33 per cent each and Mobil has 15 per cent.

Output

Since 1976, Saudi Arabia has owned ARAMCO's assets but the four companies run the business, receiving a percentage per barrel for doing so. Saudi output was estimated in October at 5.65 million barrels per day.

It is not completely clear how the legal status of the new oil company will affect Western firms but economists said they expected ARAMCO to become the centre of a worldwide Saudi-oil marketing network.

"Saudi" Oil Minister Hisham Nazer agreed in London yesterday to pay Texaco \$812 million for a joint venture across 23 US states to refine and market oil. Both sides said Texaco should make \$1.8 billion on the deal.

Bigger trade fair planned in Bahrain

WITH more than 70 per cent of the space available already reserved by companies participating at the Bahrain Fair '89, the organisers, Arabian Exhibition Management, are expecting the second Tourism and Commercial Fair to be a bigger success than the first show held in January 1988.

The Bahrain Fair '89 was organised under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Commerce and Agriculture and will take place at the Exhibition Centre Bahrain from Feb 16 to 26.

Interest "We have received great interest in the Bahrain Fair '89 because of the success enjoyed by the first show," said Brendan Jennings, chief executive of Arabian Exhibition Management.

Over 60,300 people visited the Bahrain Fair '88 and exhibitors who were selling their goods found that on an average they recovered their costs over the first three days of the fair," he said. "This year we have additional international representation, especially in the tourism sector and greater variety in the commercial sector as well."

According to Jennings, the idea of a public fair in Bahrain came from the recognition of Bahrain's growing importance as a regional leisure market, especially after the opening of the Bahrain Causeway.

The Bahrain Fair is targeted at the general public markets of the eastern province of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain—a region with the highest per capita income in the Middle East and rapidly growing expenditure levels on holiday travel.

"Holidays, bargains and entertainment will be the keynote of the Bahrain Fair '89," said Jennings. "As with the first fair, we are planning a wide range of entertainment and in addition, the stage and performance area will be made available to company presentations and promotions which were so popular at the last show."

Foreign investment in oil industry must be worked out through reciprocal deals

BP seeks larger share of Japanese market

By Jadranka Porter

JAPAN'S oil analysts take a dim view of the British government's decision ordering Kuwait to drastically cut its stake in the British Petroleum Company.

Speaking to the Arab Times in Tokyo last month the analysts also said that foreign investors interested in Japan's oil sector can now hope for a more favourable response, particularly if they are ready to make a reciprocal arrangement. However the initiative still remains with the foreign investors, they said.

The British Petroleum Co., which has been scanning Japan's oil industry sector for their reaction to their government's decision on Kuwait's BP stock holdings, is said to be seeking a larger share of the Japanese market.

An economist at the Japanese Institute for Middle Eastern Economics (JIME) said representatives of British Petroleum, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the emirate of Abu Dhabi are beating a path to Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) but it is not clear how successful they are and whether

they are in direct competition.

British Petroleum has no affiliate in Japan and has not entered the Japanese downstream market which the Kuwaitis are interested in.

Analysts say that Japan's oil sector has been more receptive to the idea of foreign investments following a MITI decision last year to allow foreign investments in its oil sector under certain conditions. A Japanese Finance Ministry official said each case has to be studied individually against the backdrop of the country's oil policy. The general consensus among analysts is that foreign investors would not be allowed to build up a large stake in any one company.

Several major oil companies, mainly American, are well established in the Japanese market, but their presence dates back to the early 1950s.

Decision It is not clear whether the British government's decision limiting Kuwait's stake in BP will have any bearing on that company's chances in Japan, but sympathies are clearly on the Kuwaiti side.

Tokyo's expected guarded official response to the British decision was that of surprise, but

economists and industry sources called the British move unfair, illegal and coloured with prejudice.

A close observer of Japanese-Kuwaiti relations said the British decision amounted to cheating as it was announced "after the intervention by the Bank of England."

"Kuwait's purchase of the BP shares was like a gift from Kuwait to Britain," he said.

Other analysts said the British manoeuvre reminds them of the Japanese investors' experience in the UK and the US several years ago.

"They (Japanese investors) were made to believe that their investments were welcome and later were told that foreign domination of companies will not be tolerated," said an expert.

Japanese analysts contend that what happened to Kuwaitis in Britain over the BP shares could not happen in Japan. "If it did, heads would roll," said the JIME economist.

The Japanese closely monitor foreign interest in its oil industry and despite a semblance of a more flexible attitude they do little to encourage foreign investors.

A Kuwait-based economist

said Kuwaiti investors could not get more than about 5 per cent stake in a Japanese oil company.

The Japanese oil companies which operate under the eagle eye of MITI have been reluctant to sell their stock to foreigners.

"Japan's view was that it was simpler to import crude than the foreign capital," said an expert.

Three years ago Japan realised that it will not be able to cope with the oil supply and demand if it relies on imports of crude only.

"We expanded product imports and that was a major change in our oil policy," said Yoshihiro Sakamoto, director-general of the MITI's petroleum department.

Interest

The Gulf states have long shown interest in Japan's oil sector. According to market observers, the Kuwaitis, whose reputation as shrewd investors is well-known in Japan, have repeatedly tried to acquire a stake in Japan's oil companies but with little success. More than 10 years ago the Kuwaitis failed in their effort to invest in Idemitsu Oil Co., said a Japanese economic affairs writer. He also claims that in the early 1980s the Kuwaitis made a bid for a stake in Mitsubishi Oil, but again with-

out success.

However, an analyst in Tokyo last month indicated that now the Japanese may try to accommodate the Kuwaitis' desire for a sizeable stake by allowing them to acquire a 5 per cent holding in more than one company.

Investors

Other economists in Tokyo agree that the situation has changed in favour of foreign investors.

Japan's overwhelming concern with the steady supply of oil, which still accounts for more than 50 per cent of its energy consumption, has forced the MITI to allow foreign investors an access to its market, they say.

Said an analyst: "The policy makers have realised that the next century will also be an era of petroleum. Japan's efforts to diversify its oil supply sources are being abandoned because the oil fields in Oman, New Zealand, Egypt, North Yemen and the US have not been as profitable as expected or have limited reserves. Besides there is little point in diversifying when cheap oil is available."

Keiji Natori, the executive director of the Japan Co-operation Centre for the Middle East (Continued on Page 16)

UAE non-oil sector booming

ABU DHABI, Nov 11, (OPECNA): The United Arab Emirates has emerged from a period of austerity and entered one of lively growth, characterised by a booming non-oil sector, according to the daily "Gulf News."

The paper said the country's policies had won praise from the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The United Arab Emirates has hit upon a strategy of balanced development, the analysis concluded.

Impeccable credentials earn respect

Envoy keen to expand economic ties

By M.C. Bose

ATISH SINHA, the Counsellor of Indian Embassy in Kuwait leaves here shortly to take up a new assignment with the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi after serving here for three years.

Sinha came here directly from Thailand where he had been working as a deputy Indian representative to the United Nations office in Bangkok. Earlier he served as the First Secretary in the Indian Embassy in Washington D.C., USA.

In Kuwait, Sinha has given top priority to the Indian embassy's response to the concerns and requirements of the dynamic

Indian community. He also took keen interest in reorganising the embassy's consular wing and gave directives and guidance in labour cases. He believes that every Indian should have free and immediate access to the embassy even during days it is closed. During the past three years, Sinha has been associated with various significant developments in India's economic and commercial relations with Kuwait, beginning with the first high-level visit from the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). He was also involved in the first visit to India by the Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA) and the first trade reviews in 15 years between India and

Kuwait in March 1988.

Most of the expatriate Indians, particularly those who are involved in economy and world trade, have been impressed by Sinha's every word. The Indian community here owes him a lot.

Sinha is one of India's highest-flying and most widely respected diplomats who apparently believes that economics is more than numbers. He believes that there are crucial intangibles as well, intangibles like hope, a willingness to work and yes, faith in the future of the nation and the people.

He has been actively associated with the Indian embassy's new building project which is already under construction.

Dollar outlook remains gloomy

NEW YORK, Nov 11, (Reuters): The dollar will remain under pressure for the remainder of the year now that worries over the size of the US budget deficit have been rekindled, US economists predicted on Thursday.

The concern, coming on the heels of George Bush's election victory reflects doubt in foreign exchange markets that the president-elect will be able to cut government spending and raise sufficient revenue to bring the deficit down quickly.

But most economists say the dollar is unlikely to fall much further this year despite its tumble on Wednesday, when it briefly sank to a five-month low against the West German mark.

Strength The strength of the American economy, firm US interest rates, expectations of further declines in nation's trade deficit and the fear of central bank intervention are expected to provide support for the currency.

"We're bullish, but I don't think it's going to get out of control," said Geoffrey Dennis, chief international economist at James Capel Inc.

Between now and the end of the year, most market participants expect the dollar to trade between 120 yen and 125 yen and 1.70 marks and 1.78 marks.

But some are more pessimistic and one forecast predicted the dollar would fall to as low as 100 yen and 1.60 marks by the end of 1988.

Kuwait to give \$1 million to UN observers

KUWAIT, Nov 11, (Reuters): Kuwait will give \$1 million to help to finance the United Nations team of military observers monitoring the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq, a Foreign Ministry official said today.

He told the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) the money is in addition to what Kuwait had already agreed to pay towards the cost of the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIMOG).

UN troops from 24 countries are stationed along the 1,200-km (740-mile) Iran-Iraq border to supervise the ceasefire which went into effect on Aug 20 to end eight years of fighting.

The dollar dropped as much as 1.9 per cent against the mark on Wednesday and 1.6 per cent against the yen, prompting the Federal Reserve and the Bank of Japan to intervene.

"It's going to be awfully hard to come up with a bold budget package without a tax increase," said Robert Hormats, vice chairman at Goldman Sachs International.

Adding to the gloom was the prospect that any attempt to cut the deficit will face hurdles stemming from the differences between a Republican president and a Democratic Congress.

Concerns about the deficit, an

issue that was not clearly addressed during the campaign either by Bush or by Democrat Michael Dukakis, have again shot to the forefront.

Indeed, the Bank of Japan, in a special study issued on Wednesday, urged further cuts in the US deficit, which requires heavy borrowing from abroad.

Despite a decline in the federal deficit in recent years, it remains high by historical standards, exceeding the traditional average of around two per cent of gross national product. For the fiscal year ended on September 30, 1988, the deficit was 3.3 per cent of GNP.

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World Business Summary

Mexico's inflation soars

MEXICO CITY, Nov 11, (UPI): Mexico's inflation rose by a low 0.8 per cent in October as compared to September, pushing the inflation for the first 10 months of the year to 46.4 per cent, the country's Central Bank reported yesterday. The 0.8 per cent inflation rate in October was higher than the 0.6 per cent inflation registered in September. Banco de Mexico, releasing its monthly report, said the increase in prices of beef and eggs last month were mainly responsible for the 0.8 per cent hike. Under its anti-inflationary economic solidarity pact, signed last year by President Miguel de La Madrid and representatives of labour, business and agriculture, the government has managed to bring down inflation from 15.5 per cent in January to below the government's targeted two per cent monthly rate. The government's plan, under which prices of public goods and services were frozen and a fixed peso-dollar parity was set, appeared to have worked well enough to allow the signatories to extend the pact until the end of November. President-elect Carlos Salinas de Gortari, a Harvard-educated former budget and planning minister who is scheduled to assume office on Dec 1, has also reached an agreement with the signatories to extend the pact until Dec 31. Critics, who have charged that the government's plan has brought down prices artificially, say that inflation will again skyrocket after the expiration of the pact.

US producer prices unchanged

WASHINGTON, Nov 11, (Reuters): US inflation at the wholesale level stopped cold in October, the first time in eight months that producer prices did not increase, the government said on Thursday. While economists agreed that the report showed no sign of upward price pressure emerging from commodities and manufactured goods, some said inflation during the month may have been understated by seasonal distortions. The producer price index for finished goods, which gauges prices paid by wholesalers, was unchanged last month after rising by 0.4 per cent in September, the Labour Department said. The last time the index did not rise was in February, when it fell 0.2 per cent. For the 12 months ended in October, the index rose 2.9 per cent to 109.3 over its 1982 base of 100. For all of 1987 it rose 2.2 per cent. The producer price index forecasts price movements at the retail level, but at varying rates. Changes in fresh fruit and meat prices, for example, will show up in shops much quicker than changes in home appliance prices. Since many Wall Street analysts expected producer prices to rise 0.3 per cent in October, the report offered some comfort to financial markets, which have been concerned over the prospect of an inflation flare-up. "It reinforces the view I have and a lot of other people have that the inflation scare is way overblown," said Lawrence Chamberline, chairman of the Wafa Group in Bala Cynwyd, Pa. The so-called core rate of producer price inflation, which excludes the erratic food and energy prices, fell 0.1 per cent in October after rising 0.6 per cent in September. Prices last month were generally stable across the board, with small increases in some areas offsetting small declines in others, the department said. Unlike September, energy prices did not help restrain the index. Finished energy goods prices rose by 0.3 per cent in October after falling 3.3 per cent in September and were 5.9 per cent below their year-earlier level.

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	1/2 PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
ABBOTT LAB	279.0	279.0	279.0	279.0
ADT LTD	127.5	127.5	127.5	127.5
ALD LYONS	458.0	458.0	458.0	458.0
AMSTRAD	181.0	181.0	181.0	181.0
ARGYLL GP	163.0	163.0	163.0	163.0
ASDA GP	141.0	141.0	141.0	141.0
BAA	284.0	284.0	284.0	284.0
STR	290.0	290.0	290.0	290.0
BAT INDOS	438.0	438.0	438.0	438.0
BATCLAYS	400.0	400.0	400.0	400.0
BASS	803.0	803.0	803.0	803.0
BEAZERS	175.0	175.0	175.0	175.0
BEECHAM	54.0	54.0	54.0	54.0
BERRIFORD	403.0	403.0	403.0	403.0
BICC PLC	370.0	370.0	370.0	370.0
BLUE ARW	89.0	89.0	89.0	89.0
BLUE CIRC	442.5	442.5	442.5	442.5
BODC GP	415.4	415.4	415.4	415.4
BODYS CO	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0
BPH INDOS	261.0	261.0	261.0	261.0
BR COMH	240.0	240.0	240.0	240.0
BR AIRWAY	164.0	164.0	164.0	164.0
BR AEROSP	470.0	470.0	470.0	470.0
BR GAS RT	163.0	163.0	163.0	163.0
BR GAS RT	160.0	160.0	160.0	160.0
BR LAND	343.0	343.0	343.0	343.0
B.P.	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0
B.P. TEL	145.0	145.0	145.0	145.0
BR TELCOM	47.0	47.0	47.0	47.0
BURNAL OL	515.0	515.0	515.0	515.0
BURTON	196.0	196.0	196.0	196.0
CABLEWIR	372.0	372.0	372.0	372.0
CADBURYS	360.0	360.0	360.0	360.0
COATS VTY	172.0	172.0	172.0	172.0
COMINT	324.0	324.0	324.0	324.0
CONS GOLD	191.0	191.0	191.0	191.0
COOKSON	260.0	260.0	260.0	260.0
COURTAULD	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0
DALGETY	332.0	332.0	332.0	332.0
DIXONS	140.0	140.0	140.0	140.0
ENG CHINA	482.4	482.4	482.4	482.4
ENTER OIL	558.0	558.0	558.0	558.0
FKI BARCK	129.0	129.0	129.0	129.0
FERRANTI	95.0	95.0	95.0	95.0
FISONS	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
GATEWAY	163.0	163.0	163.0	163.0
GEN ACCIO	838.0	838.0	838.0	838.0
GLAXO	558.0	558.0	558.0	558.0
GRANADA	330.0	330.0	330.0	330.0
GLOBE	145.5	145.5	145.5	145.5
CLYVED	304.0	304.0	304.0	304.0
GUARD RYL	172.0	172.0	172.0	172.0
GUN	319.0	319.0	319.0	319.0
GUINNESS	333.0	333.0	333.0	333.0
HMMERS A	655.0	655.0	655.0	655.0

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	LAST	1/2 PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
2ND ALICE	754.0	754.0	754.0	754.0
600 GROUP	119.0	119.0	119.0	119.0
A.MER TS	363.4	363.4	363.4	363.4
A.B.ELECT	439.0	439.0	439.0	439.0
A.S.V.HLD	198.0	198.0	198.0	198.0
AMB KENT	92.0	92.0	92.0	92.0
AMH HLD	268.0	268.0	268.0	268.0
ARMSTRON	126.0	126.0	126.0	126.0
ADDISON	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0
ADVEST	362.0	362.0	362.0	362.0
ALEX MWRK	170.0	170.0	170.0	170.0
ALEXON	347.0	347.0	347.0	347.0
ALLO COLL	126.0	126.0	126.0	126.0
ALLD I MW	236.0	236.0	236.0	236.0
ALLD IR B	235.0	235.0	235.0	235.0
ALLD LBN	133.0	133.0	133.0	133.0
ALLD PLNT	68.0	68.0	68.0	68.0
ALLIANCE	842.4	842.4	842.4	842.4
AMER DAY	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
AMEC	361.0	361.0	361.0	361.0
AMER TST	133.2	133.2	133.2	133.2
AMERSHAM	552.0	552.0	552.0	552.0
ARI HLTHC	251.0	251.0	251.0	251.0
ARLITV	219.0	219.0	219.0	219.0
AUSCHARD	83.0	83.0	83.0	83.0
APPLYARD	464.0	464.0	464.0	464.0
APV PLC	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0
ASHLEY LA	78.4	78.4	78.4	78.4
ATTWOODS	307.0	307.0	307.0	307.0
AUST REED	368.0	368.0	368.0	368.0
AUTO SECS	261.0	261.0	261.0	261.0
AVDEL PLC	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0
AVESCO	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0
AVIS EUR	349.0	349.0	349.0	349.0
AVON RUBB	697.0	697.0	697.0	697.0
B.M.WILL	208.0	208.0	208.0	208.0
BATILL JAP	460.0	460.0	460.0	460.0
BATILL SRI	78.4	78.4	78.4	78.4
BAIRD (H)	234.0	234.0	234.0	234.0
BANK IRE	235.0	235.0	235.0	235.0
BANK IT	73.4	73.4	73.4	73.4
BARKER DO	117.4	117.4	117.4	117.4
BART OEV	182.4	182.4	182.4	182.4
BAYNES C	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
BBA GROUP	172.0	172.0	172.0	172.0
BEAR B.VT	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
BEAR BRND	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6
BEATTIE J	164.0	164.0	164.0	164.0
BEJAN GP	201.0	201.0	201.0	201.0
BELHAW	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
BELLWAY	243.0	243.0	243.0	243.0
BENROSE	227.0	227.0	227.0	227.0
BENLOX HD	54.0	54.0	54.0	54.0
BENKLEY	274.0	274.0	274.0	274.0
BH RINT	442.0	442.0	442.0	442.0
BH GROUP	101.4	101.4	101.4	101.4
BK OF SCO	349.0	349.0	349.0	349.0
BLK LE 2	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6
BUNNETT F	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0
BOASE HAS	249.0	249.0	249.0	249.0
BODDINGH	165.0	165.0	165.0	165.0

World Indices

INDEX	LAST	1/2 PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1461.2	1478.2	1479.8	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	0	1041.3	1040.5	997.6
FT ALL SHR	954.67	54.67	954.19	870.22
FT GOV SEC	0	88.63	88.49	87.92
FT GOLD NF	0	178.4	173.8	171.6
FT NIKES F	0	570.48	568.30	596.93
FT OIL	0	1750.5	1742.4	1765.2
FT WLD 371	134.48	134.12	132.76	125.62
FT WLD 57G	111.01	111.05	111.17	110.62
FT WLD LOC	118.28	118.19	117.87	116.01

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS SLIDE TO DAY'S LOWS WITH WALL STREET
LONDON, NOV 11, REUTER - EQUITIES SLID TO THEIR LOWS FOR THE DAY IN ACTIVE TRADING THIS AFTERNOON AS A WAVE OF SELLING ON WALL STREET KNOCKED 25 POINTS OFF THE DOW JONES INDEX. THE SLIDING DOLLAR SENT SHARPS FALLING THIS MORNING AND DEALERS SAID THERE WAS REAL SELLING PRESSURE, NOT JUST PRICE MARK-DOWNS. CENTRAL BANK INTERVENTION HELPED SLOW THE CURRENCY'S FALL BUT CONCERN OVER THE U.S. BUDGET AND TRADE DEFICITS IS KEEPING SENTIMENT FIRMLY BEARISH, DEALERS SAID.

SCATTERED NEW ACCOUNT BUYING AND SUPPORT AT 1,800 ON THE FTSE HELPED STEADY THE MARKET, BUT BY 1610 GMT THE FTSE 100 INDEX WAS 22.4 POINTS DOWN AT 1,803.8 AFTER A LOW OF 1,802.8.

DEALERS NOTED VERY HIGH VOLUME, WITH 661.4 MLN SHARES TRADED BY 1600 GMT, BUT THE MOST ACTIVE SINGLE SHARE WAS SEARS WITH JUST 10 MLN SHARES CHANGING HANDS. THIS COULD POINT TO SELLING ACROSS THE BOARD BUT MOST DEALERS THOUGHT MUCH OF THE TRADING WAS BETWEEN MARKET MAKERS.

"I THINK YOU'LL FIND A LOT OF THIS IS MARKET MAKERS TRADING BETWEEN EACH OTHER, MARKING SHARES DOWN AS THEY TRY AND FIND A LEVEL WHICH WILL TEMPT INSTITUTIONS TO BUY," SAID ONE.

HOWEVER, HE SAID HE THOUGHT WALL STREET WAS FURTHER TO FALL NEXT WEEK AND HE EXPECTED THE FTSE 100 TO REACH ITS NEXT SUPPORT LEVEL OF 1,780 BEFORE MAJOR BUYING INTEREST WOULD BE ATTRACTED.

London Gold

LONDON, NOV 11, REUTER - GOLD BULLION WAS STEADY DURING ROUTINE LATE TRADING, SUPPORTED BY THE DOLLAR'S WEAKNESS AND STABLE NEW YORK LEVELS.

GOLD CLOSED AT 420.00/420.50 DLRS AN OUNCE, MARGINALLY ABOVE OPENING AND PREVIOUS CLOSING LEVELS OF 419.00/419.50 AND 419.50/420.00 DLRS RESPECTIVELY.

DEALERS SAID BUSINESS WAS RESTRICTED TO A TIGHT RANGE, WITH THE MARKET MOVING UP FROM EARLY LOWS ON GENERAL SHORTCOVERING, TRIGGERED BY THE DOLLAR'S DOWNTURN. COMEX TRADING THIS AFTERNOON FAILED TO PROVIDE FRESH IMPETUS, AND THE MARKET QUIETLY CONSOLIDATED JUST ABOVE 420 DLRS.

London Money Market

LONDON, NOV 11, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES CLOSED MIXED, WITH THE LONGER END FIRMLY SLIGHTLY AND NEARER DATES EASING A TOUCH AFTER A COMFORTABLE DAY AT THE SHORT END.

LONGER DATES WERE MARKED UP AS THE DOLLAR CONTINUED THE DECLINE SINCE THE U.S. ELECTIONS. THIS WAS DESPITE BUNDESBANK AND BANK OF JAPAN SUPPORT AND STATEMENTS FROM U.S. OFFICIALS THAT THEY DO NOT WANT TO SEE THE DOLLAR FALLING ANY FURTHER.

SIX AND TWELVE MONTHS INTERBANK WERE 1/16 POINT FIRMER AT 12-3/16 1/16 PCT AND 12-1/16 11-15/16 PCT RESPECTIVELY WHILE THE THREE MONTHS RATE WAS STEADY AT 12-3/16 1/16 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
1.8130/40	1.8075/85	1.7405/15	5.9625/55	NOON
DMK 1.7355/7355		3.1510/45	10.7605/7755	FIN
FFR HOLIDAY				FIN
SFR 1.4600/4630	2.6462/6495	84.00/10	24.62/65	1300
NFL 1.9635	3.5555	112.81	32.985	FIN
ECU 1.18706	0.656926	2.07143	NOL	CLSE
SOR 1.35103	0.752831	2.37687	8.11384	CLSE
YER 122.60/70	222.51/82			NOON
SOR RATES	10/11/1988	OTHERS	11/11/1988	

NEW YORK

BR ASSETS	69/0	69/4	HMBRO CITY	76/0	78/0	SCOT T.I.T.	128/2	1/2
BR DREGRI	134/0	134/0	HMBRD 20P	266/0	266/0	SCOTT MEY	145/0	14/1
BR VITA	229/0	230/0	HOLMR SPIR	165/0	165/0	SCOTT MORT	104/0	10/1
BRENT CEN	133/0	132/0	HOLNES PR	129/0	128/0	SCOTT AMJ	92/4	9/4
BRENT WDR	372/0	372/0	HOMDEN GP	124/0	124/0	SCOT NAT C	30/0	3/0
BRITAIN SE	173/0	173/0	HOKINSOON	107/0	107/0	SCOT SAT I	89/6	8/6
BRITANNIC	177/0	178/0	HYE GROUP	296/0	293/0	SCOT SAT M	7/0	7/0
BRIXTON E	351/0	352/0	ICE.FZ.FD	326/0	327/0	SECS VST	104/6	10/6
BRYANT GP	127/0	127/0	INRY M.O.V	421/0	422/0	SEMA GRP	323/0	32/3
BSS INFL	59/6	60/0	INDPMWY W	12/0	12/0	SHANDHICK	470/0	47/0
BSR INTL	67/0	67/0	INOCO PLC	28/0	28/0	SHERATON S	79/0	7/9
BULLOUGH	468/0	468/0	INT.BU.CM	121/0	122/0	SIMON GEN	305/0	30/5
BULMER NR	162/0	163/0	INV.CAT	95/0	95/0	SINGERARR	70/4	7/4
CALGONIA	357/0	355/0	JHNSHFR	353/0	353/0	SMITH D	323/0	32/3
CALOR GRP	379/0	380/0	JOS HADDES	137/0	138/0	SOUND DIF	24/0	2/4
CAMB ELEC	239/0	240/0	KALMANZOO	47/0	47/0	SPRING RAM	187/0	18/7
CANFORD E	183/0	184/0	KELT ENGR	38/0	37/4	SPR-K SARC	204/0	20/4
CANNING W	231/0	233/0	KELT WAGO	35/0	35/0	ST ANDREW	185/4	18/5
CANNON ST	282/0	283/0	KETSON	73/4	73/0	ST.MOJEN	36/4	3/6
CAP.RADIO	435/0	434/0	KLMR CRT	123/4	123/4	STAKIS	96/0	9/6
CARADON	344/0	344/0	KLMR CRT'S	150/0	150/0	STEETLEY	340/0	34/0
CARLOO EN	176/0	176/0	KLMR SML	155/0	153/0	STHEND PR	154/0	15/4
CARLTON C	671/0	670/0	KML SAVE	351/0	350/0	STORMGUAR	13/0	1/3
CATER ALL	350/0	350/0	KWIK-FIT	113/0	114/0	STURGE HD	223/0	22/3
CATTLE HD	64/0	64/0	LAING 'A'	298/0	298/0	SUTER	22/5	2/5
CAUD NO	9/4	10/0	LAING ORD	298/0	298/0	TELENETR	36/0	3/6
CENTL ITV	595/0	596/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	45/0	4/5
CHARTERS	157/0	157/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
CHAS CHUR	20/4	20/4	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
CHAS CHUR	99/0	99/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
CHIAOIDE	61/0	61/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
CHRISTIES	589/0	588/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
CI GROUP	45/0	46/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
CNTRL SEC	52/0	51/4	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
CNTRY OIL	157/0	157/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
COALITE	337/0	338/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
COATES BR	299/0	300/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
COLLINS A	467/0	465/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
COLLINS W	546/0	545/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
COLLOROLD	170/0	171/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
CONNELLS	269/0	267/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
COSTAIN	325/0	325/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
COURYS FR	210/0	210/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
COWIE INT	145/0	143/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
CRDIA CT	127/0	127/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
CRYSTAL	163/0	163/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
CTRY PROP	260/0	261/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
DARES EST	27/2	27/4	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
DAVIS GDO	160/0	160/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
DAVY CORP	158/0	158/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
DE LA RUE	463/0	463/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
DELTA GRP	286/0	286/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
DEVENISH	316/0	317/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
DEWHIRST	41/4	42/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
DIONPLA	213/0	214/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
DOBSON PK	95/0	95/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
DOUGLAS R	308/0	308/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
DOUMINGEN	62/0	62/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
DOUWY GRP	228/0	229/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
DRAYTON C	477/0	478/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
DRG	492/0	492/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
DUKENISTR	79/4	79/4	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
DUNDEE LD	257/4	254/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
DUNDEE LD	257/4	254/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
EAGLE TST	14/0	14/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
EDIN I.T	156/6	157/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
ELECTROPH	199/0	199/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
ELLIS EVA	167/0	168/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
ENAP	218/0	218/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
EMPIRE ST	224/0	223/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
EURA GROUP	68/0	68/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
EURO.HOME	317/0	318/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
EUROTHERN	401/0	402/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
EUKRUL INT	371/0	372/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
EUKRUL INT	22/6	22/4	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
EVODE GRP	190/0	191/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
EXPANET	195/0	195/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
F&C ENTER	28/0	28/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
F&C EUROPT	229/0	229/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
F&C PACIF	140/0	141/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
F&C SHLLR	70/0	70/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
FARNELL E	145/0	145/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
FED.HOUSH	278/0	278/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
FENNER JH	182/0	182/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
FENLSON JF	265/0	265/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
FIMIL GP	75/0	90/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
FIMLAY J	124/0	124/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
FITCH LOW	257/0	258/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
FKB GP NV	284/0	285/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
FKB GROUP	289/0	289/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
FLNG AMER	117/6	117/4	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
FLNG F.E	190/4	192/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
FLNG INIV	149/0	149/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
FLNG JAPN	208/0	208/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
FLNG MERC	178/6	179/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
FLNG TECH	170/0	169/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
FOR SCOL	111/2	112/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
GPG	52/0	51/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
GRANPH HD	280/0	280/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
GREEN KING	442/0	440/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
GREEN KING	442/0	440/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
GREYCAT	418/0	418/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
GRUP TV A	51/0	53/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
GT PRYLDN	375/0	375/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
GUNSS NA	131/0	131/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
GUS ORD	675/0	670/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
GYTT ORIE	289/0	290/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
GYTT STRA	231/0	231/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
H'LAND OS	126/0	125/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
HALL (M)	167/0	167/4	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
HALLA	197/0	197/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
HAMBROS I	224/0	224/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
HAMBROSON	724/0	727/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
HAMNIN LE	48/0	48/4	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
HAZELWOOD	229/0	228/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
HEN(CCE)	440/0	449/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
HELEN PL	31/0	31/4	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
HELICAL B	292/0	293/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
HEMORTH	234/0	235/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
HIMRO CITY	76/0	78/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
HIMRD 20P	266/0	266/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
HOLMR SPIR	165/0	165/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
HOLNES PR	129/0	128/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
HOMDEN GP	124/0	124/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
HOKINSOON	107/0	107/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
HYE GROUP	296/0	293/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
ICE.FZ.FD	326/0	327/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
INRY M.O.V	421/0	422/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
INDPMWY W	12/0	12/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
INOCO PLC	28/0	28/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
INT.BU.CM	121/0	122/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
INV.CAT	95/0	95/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
JHNSHFR	353/0	353/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
JOS HADDES	137/0	138/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
KALMANZOO	47/0	47/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
KELT ENGR	38/0	37/4	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
KELT WAGO	35/0	35/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
KETSON	73/4	73/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
KLMR CRT	123/4	123/4	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR	212/0	21/2
KLMR CRT'S	150/0	150/0	LAING PRP	507/0	507/0	TELENETR		

International Bond Highlights

London—Portugal is issuing a 700 mln dir floating rate note due December, 1993 with a spread of five basis points over the six month libor, lead manager Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd said. (RTZF 1003)

London—Blue Circle Industries PLC is issuing a 150 mln stg Eurobond due November 29, 2013 paying 10-3/4 pct, lead manager Baring Brothers and Co. Ltd. said. (RTZT 1150)

London—The sterling floating rate note for the Leeds Permanent Building Society launched yesterday has been increased to 135 mln stg from 100 mln, lead manager Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd said. (RTZQ 121)

London—Deutsche Bank Finance NV (Curacao) is issuing a 100 mln Australian dir Eurobond due June 28, 1995 paying 12-1/4 pct and priced 99-1/4 pct, lead manager Deutsche Bank Capital Markets said. (RTUM 1441)

London—British Sugar PLC, a subsidiary of S & W Beristord said it will issue a further 75 mln stg tranche of its 10-3/4 pct domestic bond due 2013. (RTTF 1238)

Frankfurt—A unit of Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale is issuing a 100 mln mark Eurobond with a 5-3/8 pct coupon paid at 100-1/4 for five years, Westlab said as lead manager. (RTZH 1008)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 11-3/4 1/2	11-7/8 3/4	12-3/16 1/8
FFT 4.40/50	4.45/75	4.50/90
PAR 7-11/16 13/16	7-3/4 7/8	7-7/8 8
ZUR 3-5/8 3-7/8	3-3/4 4	3-7/8 4-1/8
BRX 5.85	7-1/8 1/4	7-3/16 1/4
ROM 10-3/8 10-7/8	11-1/2 1/2	11-1/2 1/2
AMS 4.75/00	5.25/28	5.33/43
TOK 3.5625 6250	4.1875 2500	4.3125 3750
ECU 7.37 7.62	7.43 7.56	7.50 7.62

Interest Rates

Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-7/8	7-5/16
3 months	6-3/4	7-3/16
6 months	6-9/16	7-1/16
1 year	6-9/16	7-1/16

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	84	91	90 NICO	650	650	670
ACC	398	393	GRASIN	58.25	58	58.50	NUKAND	115	114
ASTA PAINT	215	220	GSCF	148.75	157.50	145	ORAY	39.50	41
BAJAJ AUTO	382.50	387.50	NIND LEVER	83	86	83	PEICO	33	31
BAR. RAYON	305	310	NINDALDO	125	125	123	PFIZER	79	86
BOR. DYING	133	137	NINDOCODA	111.25	112.50	115	PRE. AUTO	55.50	58
BR. BOND	112	117	NINDOMOTR	31.50	33	31.75	RAYMOND	64	63
BSE INDEX	699.75	709.05	IND ORG	43	42	44	RELANCE	177	181
CENTURYSPG	1450	1470	INDRATON	80.75	83	81	SIEMENS	110	108
COGATE	327.50	335	INDRDL	270	277.50	270	SPIC	53	54
DEEPAKALF	45.30	47	ITC	53	50	52	STOWILLS	330	340
EI. HOTEL	56	57.50	JESYNTH	85	87	85	TATA PAM	340	345
ESKAYEF	147.50	147.50	L. AND T	130	134	131	TATACHEN	104	104
ESSAR	28.50	33	NANDURA	119.50	120	122	TELCO	735	740
GAR. POLY	105	108.75	MASTERSHR	18	21	19.75	TISCO	1047.5	1077.5
GE. SHIP	43	44.50	MATHEER PL	75	72.50	77.50	VOLTA	450	480

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AEG	190.0	192.0
ALLIANZ VR	1680.0	1683.0
BADENWERK	185.0	187.0
BASF	268.2	272.9
BAYER	289.5	292.0
BAYER HYP	365.0	365.0
BAYER VER	363.0	365.0
BBC	326.0	328.0
BFI	398.5	401.0
BFW	517.0	523.5
COMMERZBK	236.7	239.5
CONTI GUHM	257.5	262.1
DALMEIER BEN	733.0	741.0
DEUTSCHE BIK	509.2	514.8
DLW	388.0	388.0
DRESNER B	292.5	294.6
DT BAROCCK	157.5	156.8
FAZ INDEX	518.25	524.33
FELDMUEHLE	273.2	275.5
GOLDSCHEID	325.0	332.0
HANPENER	404.0	399.0
HOECHST AG	288.5	292.5
HOESCH	163.8	166.0
HORTEN	213.0	211.0
HUSSEL HLD	453.5	458.0
KALI SALZ	145.0	149.0
KARSTADT	415.0	416.5
KARSTADT	390.0	395.0
KLOECK H	133.5	132.0
KLOECK M	701.0	704.0
LINDE	143.0	147.5
LUFTHANSA	212.5	214.1
MANNESMANN	178.8	181.0
MERCKES	603.5	611.5
METALLURG	318.0	325.5
NIDORF PF	403.0	403.0
NORSK NYD	26.80	27.10
PHILIP KDM	614.0	617.0
PORSCHE	558.0	563.5
PREUSSAG	165.0	171.0
PWA	225.0	222.0
RHEINMETAL	365.0	370.0
RUE	240.0	240.2
RUE P	215.0	216.0
SALAMANDER	293.5	296.5
SCHERING	570.2	571.0
SEL	265.0	267.0
SIEMENS	468.8	471.7
THYSEN	169.0	171.0
VARTA	369.0	372.8
VEBA	258.5	258.8
VEW	159.5	159.4
VOLKSWAGEN	302.0	307.9

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
H TUNNEL	15.20	15.20
CHUNG H	7.35	7.30
CHINA GAS	16.90	16.80
CHINA L-P	16.90	16.80
CHINA MOTOR	23.60	23.20
COMB PROP	3.50	3.20
EVERGO IND	4.7	4.7
AR EAST C	7.1	7.0
EN ORIENT	0	44.00
C DEVELOP	8.90	9.00
S INDEX	583.74	577.01
ANG LUNG	5.40	5.30
ANG SUNG	27.50	27.50
AM PAR BR	9.00	9.00
C ELEC CO	6.95	6.95
C KOALCOON	7.90	7.90
C LAND CO	8.40	8.30
C SHAN BK	6.25	6.20
C SHAN WT	5.60	5.60
TELE CO	5.20	5.20
ITEL WHAN	8.25	8.30
ID EQ PAC	10.40	10.50
JIDINE N	14.20	14.40
MALDON N	8.50	8.45
V WORLD	11.80	11.70
AL T DEV	2.37	2.37
N K CO	6.95	6.95
N K CO	1.95	1.95
N K CO	11.00	11.00
N K CO	2.22	2.12
ELUX NFG	2.60	2.60
IRE PAC	17.90	17.90
V S CO	14.20	14.20
I CHEUNG	3.85	3.82
ION BANK	1.50	1.52
CK HARD	0	7.25
CK HARD	0	1.15
CK HARD	3.77	3.82

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AJINOMOTO	2600	2540
AKAI ELEC	562	580
AKAI	990	990
ASAHI GLS	1900	1870
ASAHI OPT	613	615
BANK TOKYO	1620	1580
BRIDGESTON	1270	1210
CANON	1230	1210
CASIO COMP	1220	1240
CHUGAI PHM	1390	1360
CITIZEN W	801	825
D-ICHI KAN	3220	3120
DAI NIP IK	950	915
DAI NIP PT	2620	2600
DAI NIP SC	890	891
DAI NIP TO	880	835
DAICEL	744	741
DAIWA N	1900	1930
DAIWA SEC	2390	2320
EBRA NFG	1040	1040
EISAI	1850	1850
FUJITSU	1410	1380
FUJI BANK	3280	3160
FUJI PHOTO	3000	3000
FUJISAMA	1480	1460
FUJITA CP	815	805
HITACHI	1460	1440
HONDA MOT	1860	1790
ISUZU	2190	2100
ITO YOKADO	3980	3840
JAP SYN RU	950	935
JAPAN AIR	14800	13900
JAPAN MET	700	706
KAJIMA	1750	1770
KANSAI EL	3810	3810
KAO SOAP	1680	1590
KAWASAKI H	820	824
KAWASAKI S	1070	1070
KIRIN BEV	1790	1690
KOMATSU	890	880
KUBOTA LTD	963	945
KYOCERA	4670	4520
MAKITA EL	1320	1320
MARUI	2750	2620
MATSUDA EI	2220	2190
MATSUDA EL	0	2660
NEIJI SEIH	930	921
NITSUBU CP	1350	1350
NITSUBU EL	926	928
NITSUBU EST	2750	2700
NITSUBU WY	1010	1010
NITSUBU CO	955	955
NITSUBU EL	926	926
NICHICHI	1070	1050
NINON CHMT	955	955
NIKKO SEC	1710	1620
NIP ELEC	1760	1730
NIP KOKKAN	880	860
NIP STEEL	871	867
NIP YUSEN	805	842
NIS MOTOR	1260	1250
NOBURA SEC	3750	3550
OHMA CO	785	780
OLYMPUS	995	985
PENTA CO	1030	1010
PIIONEER	2740	2750
RENDON	840	844
RICON	1050	1030
SANKYO	1780	1740
SANYO ELEC	670	664
SEITU ST	1880	1880
SEKISUI PR	1800	1770
SHARP	978	971
SHISEIDO	1560	1560
SONY	5780	5780
SUMITOMO	1230	1230
TAISEI	1180	1180
TAISHO NRM	1370	1350
TAKEDA CH	2300	2210
TEIJI	737	743
TKO NEW II	212.62	176.57
TOKIO NRM	2290	2290
TOKYO ELEC	960	970
TOKYO GAS	1520	1540
TOKYO PWR	6750	6760
TORAY IND	828	830
TOSHIBA EL	988	981
TOTO	1810	1800
TOYO KOGYO	740	748
TOTOTA MOT	2280	2290
YAMAHA	1100	1070
YAMAICHI	1740	1660
YAMAMOTO	3770	3630
YAMAZAKI	1390	1300

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE AT RECORD TRADED HIGH
TOKYO, NOV 11, REUTER - SHARE PRICES SOARED TO CLOSE AT A RECORD TRADED HIGH ON OPTIMISM OVER A STRONG YEN AND LOW INTEREST RATES. BROKERS SAID.

"THE MARKET HAS MOVED AWAY FROM CONCENTRATION IN MAINLY LARGE CAPITAL ASSET STOCK TO SOME RE-INVESTMENT, NOT JUST TRADING," SAID CRAIG CHUDLER, A MARKET STRATEGIST WITH SMITH NEW COURT. "VIEWS ON THE YEN HAVE BEEN IMPROVED AND CAUSED A SWITCH."

THE NIKKEI SOARED 325.15 POINTS, OR 1.15 PCT, TO CLOSE AT A RECORD TRADED HIGH OF 26,489.57, SURPASSING AN AUGUST 4 RECORD OF 26,475.68.

THE INDEX RODE 46.36 POINTS ON THURSDAY.

"THIS IS DEFINITELY A DIFFERENT INVESTMENT PATTERN. WHETHER IT WILL CONTINUE OR NOT REMAINS TO BE SEEN," SAID CHUDLER.

INVESTORS HAD RECENTLY BEEN TRADING IN AND OUT OF MOSTLY LARGE CAPITAL ISSUES, BUT BUYING WAS GRADUALLY WARMED UP TO OTHER SECTORS THIS WEEK, BROKERS SAID.

FINANCIALS WERE THE BACKBONE OF TODAY'S RISE, WITH SOME HIGH TECHNOLOGY SHARES JOINING IN THE RALLY LATER IN THE DAY.

"IT'S PRETTY HEALTHY TRADING AND IT'S BROAD-BASED," SAID A TRADER AT TAIYACHI SECURITIES.

RISES LED FALLS BY ALMOST TWO TO ONE WITH 594 ISSUES UP AND 314 DOWN, A STRONG LEAD COMPARED TO A RECENT AVERAGE OF ABOUT 50/50.

THE BROADER FIRST SECTION INDEX, OR TOPIX, ROSE A HEALTHY 36.40 POINTS TO 2,212.97, AGAINST THURSDAY'S 6.06-POINT GAIN.

THE TOP WINNERS WERE SECURITIES HOUSE, BANK, COMMUNICATIONS, AIRLINE, RETAIL, CREDIT/LEASE, PHARMACEUTICAL, RUBBER, REAL ESTATE AND PULP/PAPER ISSUES.

THE ONLY SECTORS TO LOSE WERE RAILWAY/BUS, GAS, OIL, STEEL AND SHIPBUILDING STOCKS.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, NOV 11, REUTER - HONG KONG STOCKS, INSPIRED BY TOKYO'S SURGE TO A RECORD HIGH, CLOSED FIRMLY DESPITE LIGHT PROFIT-TAKING IN LATE AFTERNOON TRADE, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX CLOSED THE WEEK AT 2,583.74 POINTS, UP 6.75 FROM THE PREVIOUS CLOSE BUT 0.77 BELOW LAST FRIDAY'S FINAL LEVEL.

THE BROAD-BASED HONG KONG INDEX CLOSED AT 1,702.79, UP 4.8 FROM THURSDAY'S CLOSE.

TURNOVER OF 649.00 MLN H.K. DLS WAS THE HIGHEST THIS WEEK AGAINST THURSDAY'S 495.46 MLN DLS.

AMMAN

As of 9.11.88	OPMG	CLSG
ALA-ADON COMPANY	1.42	1.41
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.01	2.00
ARAB BANK	145.0	144.0
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	4.45	4.50
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.01	2.11
ARAB INSURANCE	1.10	1.12
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.90	0.99
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.58	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.26	2.27
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.40	0.38
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	2.46	2.49
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.50	16.27
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CATRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	29.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.72	0.71
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	2.27	2.33
DARDO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.68	0.67
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JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.94	1.92
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JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	0.93
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	8.25	8.43

Sterling strengthens

Dollar falls to 10-month low on US twin deficit fears

NEW YORK, Nov 11. (Reuters): The dollar fell to a 10-month low against the yen today, despite attempts by the Bank of Japan to support it, as the twin US deficits of trade and budget clouded America's economic outlook.

It also hit a five-month low against the mark, prompting West Germany's central bank to step in and buy dollars.

The slide sparked off a wave of selling on Wall Street, pulling the Dow index down more than 22 points by midday.

With US banks closed for the Veterans Day holiday and foreign exchange desks running on only skeleton staffs, the US market was thin and vulnerable, dealers said.

Low

The dollar has fallen by nearly seven pence since Tuesday's election and touched a low in London this morning of 1.7350 West German marks.

In New York it was quoted at 1.7345 marks at noon, down 2 pence from yesterday's US finish.

The US currency dipped at one point to 1.7250 yen in Europe, its weakest against the buoyant Japanese currency since Jan 4 when it touched a post-World-War-Two low of 1.20.20. It was

later quoted in New York at 122.65 yen, down from yesterday's US closing of 124.05.

"The market will test 120 yen and 1.7250 mark next week," predicted a dealer at a US bank in London. Britain's pound rose to \$1.8140 from \$1.7970 yesterday.

Dealers

The Federal Reserve was officially closed, but currency dealers said Fed officials were watching and could intervene through other central banks, such as Canada's.

The weak dollar led dealers in London to mark down prices on US bonds, which in turn sent shivers through Wall Street, pushing the Dow Jones industrial average down 22.41 points to 2,092.28 by noon EST.

Value

Currency dealers said fears that president-elect George Bush would have little leeway to cut America's budget deficit — since he campaigned on a promise not to raise taxes — were responsible for the decline in the currency. The post-election decline in the dollar was in contrast to Tuesday's rise when markets seemed relieved that Bush would be elected president.

Commerce Secretary William

Verity said at a Washington conference today that the dollar was at a fair foreign exchange value. He said the dollar had fluctuated since the industrial power's economic summit in Toronto last summer but that now "it is a fair value for all seven nations."

Verity also said he believed Bush will make the budget deficit perhaps his highest priority. He told a televised US-West German trade discussion, "the budget deficit is a tremendous problem" and added, "I feel confident this will be perhaps the highest priority for President Bush."

Repeated intervention by the Bank of Japan, even after the currency market closed in Tokyo, failed to reverse the dollar's slide. Japan's central bank even intervened in Singapore. The Bank of England also joined in, buying dollars for yen.

Surprise

The Bundesbank, West Germany's central bank, intervened for the first time in over a month, picking up \$50 million at its official fixing time. The intervention came as a surprise because yesterday a central bank official had said that intervention to

prop up the dollar might not be the wisest course. Also, the Germans have not been supporting the dollar while it has gone through its recent slide.

Several dealers said that speculation about a readjustment by the Group-of-Seven industrial nations on where they want to see the dollar trade has now given way to belief that there is a complete breakdown in co-ordination.

"The Germans are saying we should not intervene. The Japanese are saying we should intervene and the British are saying they will keep rates tight. That does not sound like co-ordination to me," said a dealer at a large New York bank.

Forecast

Dealers in Tokyo said market attention has shifted to September US trade figures due out Wednesday. The market forecast is for a deficit of \$11.2 billion against \$12.2 billion in August.

"The dollar is likely to fall next year whatever the outcome of the trade figures," said Eiji Sugata,

assistant manager at Toyo Trust Bank.

"Even if the data show slight narrowing in the trade deficit, that might give the dollar just a temporary boost to 125 yen at most and later it should decline toward 121.50 yen on steady selling interest," he said.

The London stock market fell in dull trading, partly influenced by Armistice Day holidays in some European centres. The Financial Times/Stock Exchange index was off 23 points at 1,803 by late afternoon.

Soared

Earlier, Tokyo stocks soared to close at a record high on optimism over a strong yen and low interest rates. Tokyo's Nikkei average soared 323.15 points, or 1.15 per cent, to close at a record high 28,489.57, surpassing an Aug 5 record of 28,423.38.

As long as the yen is strong the Bank of Japan will not hike interest rates and that bodes well for businesses, dealers in Tokyo said.

SLICOP to offer best social security: Siddiqui

By Shamim Zaidi

A RECEPTION was held at Hyatt Regency Palace last night in honour of M. Siddiqui chairman of State Life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan (SLICOP), who is on a short visit to Kuwait.

Speaking on the occasion, Siddiqui expressed his satisfaction over the performance of the local representative office of the corporation.

The local office has seen an increase of more than 200 per cent in the number of representatives in the field, a 143 per cent increase in new business and a 188 per cent increase in the number of policies sold when compared to last year's figures, he said.

Simple

Siddiqui said that SLICOP is working hard to offer the best possible social security, within its framework.

He pointed out that effective last year Rs15,000 is paid to the

family of any insured Pakistani who dies in an accident.

The procedure for the payments has been made extremely simple and the requirements have been kept at the minimum.

He further mentioned that the total funds of the corporation have increased to Rs1,000 crore, and the investment yields of the corporation are among the highest in the world.

According to him the expense ratio is constantly on the decrease and renewal of policies is much better now. He said State Life is one of the biggest real estate owners in Pakistan.

The chairman was welcomed by Jawaid, who is in-charge of the local State Life offices and Ghulam Mustafa, the local S&D manager.

Later on prizes were distributed to the best sales representatives, sales officers and sales manager, for their performance during the last year.

BP seeks larger share of Japanese market

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said: "The MITI understood that it can no longer refuse foreign investments if it is to ensure a steady oil supply to Japan."

Production

In that context the Gulf, with its vast oil reserves and cheap production costs, is of great importance to Japan. Despite conservation measures and alternative energy sources, Japan accounts for 7 per cent of the world's oil consumption. About 60 per cent of its oil requirements are met by imports from the Gulf.

But the Japanese have made it clear that foreign investment in Japan's oil industry will have to be worked out through reciprocal deals. This means that if a Gulf state invests in Japan's oil sector it must provide an opportunity for the Japanese to invest in the Gulf. This could be in the form of concessions for the Japanese firms to prospect for oil, a field in which they have expertise and modern technology.

"Japan will accept Arab investments in its oil sector in return for an opportunity to invest in the Gulf's upstream operation," said an analyst.

He said the only successful example of the Japan's oil investment in the Gulf is the Arabian Oil Company, a joint venture

between Japan, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia which expires at the beginning of the next century.

Three Japanese oil companies are operating in Abu Dhabi exploring oil wells which are not as profitable as expected, said the analyst.

"Japan wants to develop good, not marginal, oilfields," he added.

Efforts

Japan's willingness to consider foreign investments in its oil sector coincides with MITI's efforts to reduce government intervention in the oil sector on the one hand and to strengthen its oil market structure on the other.

Sakamoto said there are too many wholesale marketing companies in Japan and excessive competition among them is undermining their profitability. Efforts are being made to improve the profitability through mergers between some of these companies, he said.

Sakamoto said he was not aware if the Kuwaitis had approached any Japanese company with an investment offer and added: "If we are presented with such a case in the future we would consider it in the light of Japan's oil policy and examine whether it is conducive to the Japanese interests and efforts to restructure the market."

"If foreign capital aggravates the competition in the local market we shall have to make

adjustments," he said without elaborating.

Analysts at the JIME claim that MITI will have to follow at least one "new" foreign investor onto the Japanese oil scene "to show that they practice what they preach."

The Japanese partner in that case, is likely to be one of the smaller establishments, he said.

Another analyst said that there are now several independent oil refineries in Japan whose equity base could do with the injection of new funds.

"There will be investment possibilities in the future in these companies. MITI will accept foreign investment in smaller refineries," he said.

Meanwhile, unconfirmed reports about negotiations between Saudi Arabia and Mitsubishi Oil are still circulating in Tokyo. The report caused a surge in Mitsubishi stock prices on two occasions last summer. The Saudis are interested in the Mitsubishi Oil stock and the Japanese are said to be seeking prospecting rights in Saudi Arabia. The negotiations are said to be moving in a favourable direction.

Another unconfirmed report deals with Kuwaiti negotiations with Cosmo Oil, Japan's third largest oil company. Asked about it, some Japanese market watchers just shook their heads in disbelief.

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Investment company operations to be reviewed

ABU DHABI, Nov 11, (OPECNA): The United Arab Emirates and Egypt are due to hold talks tomorrow to review the progress made by their joint Arab investment company.

The meeting of the company's board of directors will be presided over by Mohammed Khalifa Al Yousuf, head of the UAE Foreign Ministry's economic relations and world co-operation department.

Projections

Topics on the agenda include the company's Luxor Hilton Hotel project, which was completed in September, and budget projections.

The company was established in 1975 with a capital of \$50 million to initiate and finance schemes in energy, mining, communications, tourism, housing and farming.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Nov 11, (Reuters): Stocks closed lower as higher interest rates kept a firm hold on any upward movement. The All Ordinaries index fell 5.5 to 1,558.7.

TOKYO: Prices soared to close at a record traded high on optimism over a strong yen and low interest rates. The Nikkei index climbed 323.15 points, 1.15 per cent, to 28,489.57.

HONG KONG: Inspired by Tokyo's record high, stocks closed firmer despite light profit-taking in late afternoon. The Hang Seng index rose 6.73 to 2,583.74.

SINGAPORE: The market closed mixed in moderate trading. The Straits Times industrial index rose 0.91 to 1,015.03.

BOMBAY: Closed for holiday. Trading resumes Monday.

FRANKFURT: Shares closed lower as the dollar's plunge below 1.74 marks from about 1.76 on Thursday dampened buyer interest and limited trading. The Dax index fell 11.16 to 1,252.18.

ZURICH: Shares closed lower in quiet pre-weekend trading as losses on Wall Street and the continuing dollar decline weighed on prices. The Swiss index fell 10 to 916.

PARIS: Market closed for Armistice Day holiday, reopens Monday.

LONDON: Shares drifted lower throughout the morning as the dollar tested key support levels against the yen and mark. At 1200 GMT the FTSE 100 index was down 14.3 at 1,811.9.

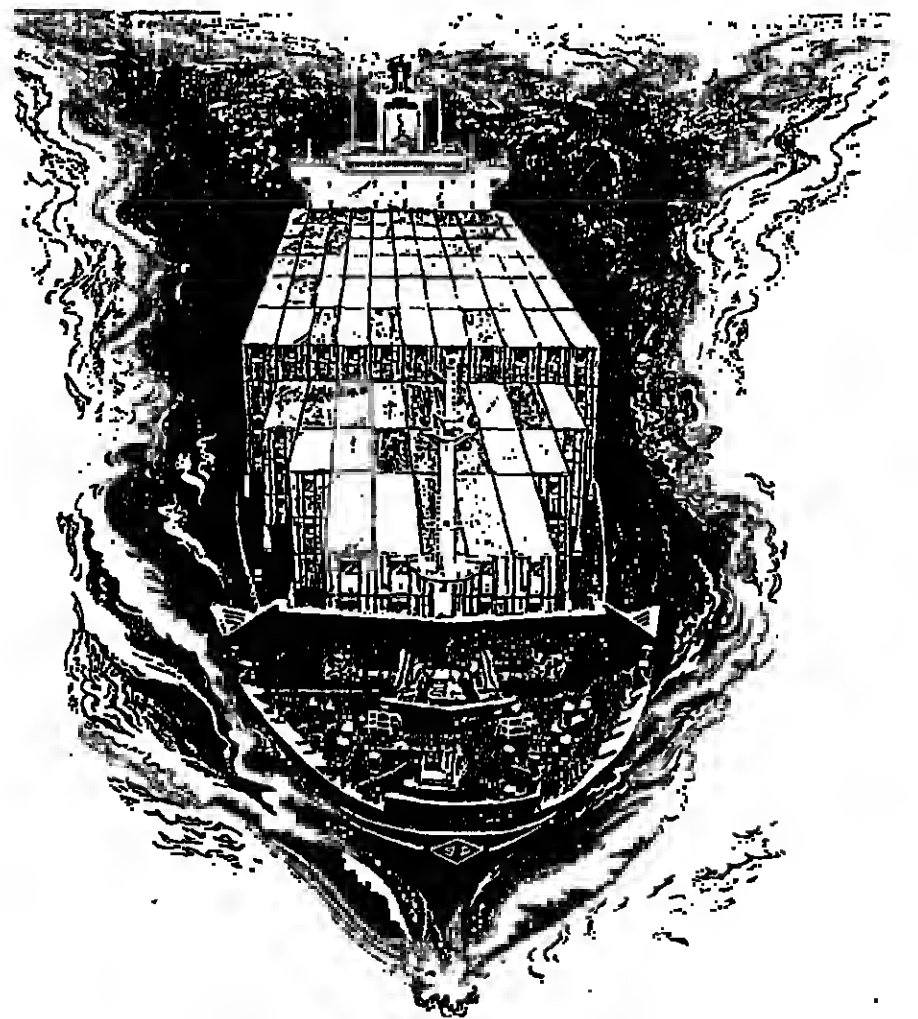
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REAL SNATCH VICTORY WITH LATE GOALS

Milan beat Red Star in penalty shoot-out

LONDON, Nov 11, (Reuters): West German First Division leaders Bayern Munich and their Italian counterparts Internazionale Milan were drawn today to clash in the most alluring tie of the third round of the UEFA Cup.

Bayern, three times winners of the Champions' Cup in the 1970's and one of the traditional powers in European soccer, could hardly have asked for more difficult opponents as they bid for a place in the quarterfinals.

Internazionale, themselves twice holders of the Champions Cup in the 1960's, have been inspired to the top in Italy this season by Bayern's former captain, international midfielder Lothar Matthaus.

His knowledge of the Bavarians' strengths and weaknesses, coupled with the brimming confidence of a revitalised Internazionale team, ensure a closely-contested tie in a competition dominated by the powerful Italian and West German clubs this season.

Italy's contingent of four fared slightly worse than the three West German clubs in the draw with Roma drawn against Dynamo Dresden of East Germany, Diego Maradona's Napoli playing Bordeaux of France and Juventus meeting FC Liege of Belgium.

The West German representatives were marginally more fortunate. Cologne, second round conquerors of Scotland's Glasgow Rangers, face Real Sociedad of Spain and VfB Stuttgart meet Groningen of the Netherlands.

In the remaining ties, Britain's only surviving team, Hearts of Scotland, will play Velez Mostar of Yugoslavia and Victoria Bucharest face Finnish survivors Turun Palloseura.

Australians accused of taking drugs

CANBERRA, Nov 11, (Reuters): A quarter of Australia's athletes at the Seoul Olympics probably took drugs during training for the Games, former top coach Kevin Cullen alleged today.

"We had 29 athletes in the Olympic Games and I would suggest that 25 per cent of those had taken, or were taking them (drugs) in their preparation for Seoul," Giles told a parliamentary committee on the use of drugs by athletes.

Giles, a former track and field coach at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), did not name those he suspected. Two of the quad were barred from the Games after testing positive for illegal drugs.

Giles was banned for life from using AIS facilities after commenting on television last year that Australia's sports administrators had failed to tackle the drugs problem.

He told the committee: "The drugs are a training aid, they aren't a performance aid, so there is no need to take them anywhere near to competition. Those who do take them (to compete) are foolish from the catch and punish situation, but they are also psychologically dependent on them."

Giles based his claim on 15 years involvement in track and field, including as a British national coach, and work with the Australian Sports Commission's drugs in sport unit.

He claimed athletes had become corrupted by big money paid by sponsors of events, saying drugs were very tempting for athletes attempting to improve.

BELGRADE, Nov 11, (Reuters): European Cup favourites AC Milan made the most of the reprieve given them by fog on Wednesday by beating Red Star Belgrade in a penalty shoot-out in their replayed second round, second leg tie yesterday.

They won 5-3 on penalties after the two teams had been locked at 1-1 after extra time, making the aggregate score 2-2.

Goalkeeper Giovanni Galli was the Milan hero, saving from Dejan Savicevic and second half substitute Mitar Mrkela in the penalty competition.

The Italians, reduced to 10 men by the dismissal of striker Pietro Paolo Viridis, had trailed 1-0 on the night and 2-1 on aggregate when thick fog forced Wednesday's match to be abandoned in the 57th minute.

Perfect But it was Red Star who found themselves a goal behind when the teams met for the second time within 24 hours, Dutch international Marco van Basten heading home a right wing cross from Roberto Donadoni in the 35th minute.

The lead was shortlived. Three minutes later Savicevic split the Milan defence with a perfect pass and his captain Dragan Stojkovic ran on to the ball to beat Galli with a fierce shot from just inside the penalty area.

AC Milan wing Roberto Donadoni suffered heavy concussion, a broken jaw and strained neck muscles after colliding with



Donadoni being taken off the field on a stretcher. (Reuters wirephoto)

a Belgrade Red Star player. Donadoni, 25, crashed into Red Star defender Goran Vasiljevic when both players leaped for a high ball in the 43rd minute of the match.

Real Madrid scored twice in the last quarter of an hour against Poland's Gornik Zabrze yesterday to squeeze into the quarterfinals.

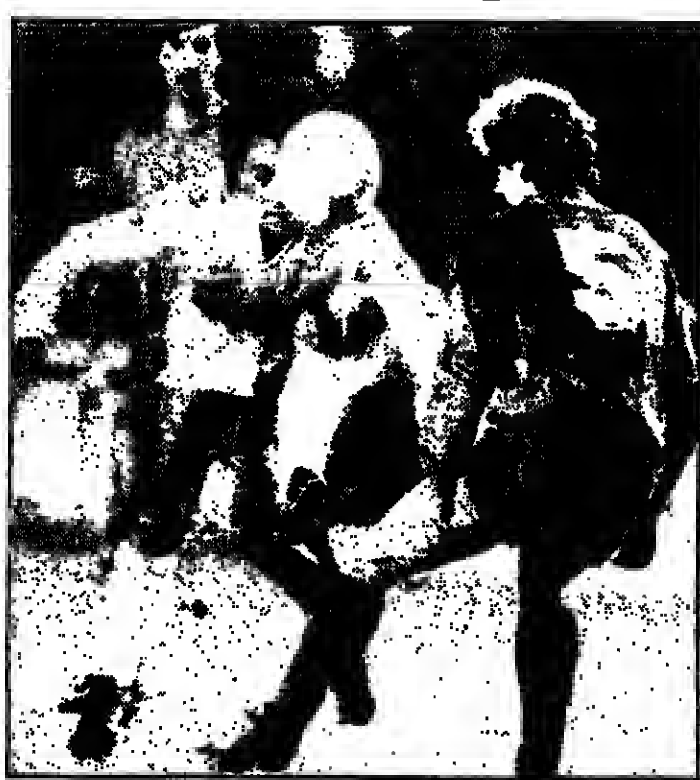
Real, 1-0 winners of the away leg, faced the prospect of losing the second-round tie on the away goals rule when they trailed the Poles 2-1 for a 23-minute spell in the second half.

But Emilio Butragueno ended Gornik's stubborn resistance in

the 77th minute from time when he sidefooted home winger Francisco Llorente's cross to give his side a 3-2 victory.

Sanchez opened the scoring for Real in the 27th minute, but a snorting 30-metre drive by Piotr Jegor in the 41st minute and a close-range Krzysztof Baran half-volley after 54 minutes turned the match in Gornik's favour.

PSV idled through with a 5-2 aggregate win, their 5-0 first leg victory allowing them to suffer a 2-0 defeat by Porto in Portugal without any cause for alarm, Monaco and Galatasaray produced the most emphatic performances of the night.



Sanchez (left) heads the ball past Marek Piotrowicz. (Reuters wirephoto)

The French champions were a goal down from the first leg against Bruges of Belgium, but swept through with five goals in the opening 31 minutes in a 6-1 victory, Ivory Coast winger Youssouf Fofana hitting a hat-trick.

Galatasaray's triumph was

even more spectacular. They were 3-0 behind against Neuchatel Xamax of Switzerland and had only scored once by the interval through Ugur Tutuneker.

But in the second half they followed Monaco's example and scored four times more — Ugur

hitting a second, Cuneit and two late goals by Tanju Colak sealing a magnificent triumph.

Steaua, 3-0 ahead against Spartak Moscow, completed a 5-1 win overall with an impressive 2-1 victory in the Soviet capital and Gnthenburg beat Albania's Nentori Tirana 1-0 for a 3-0 aggregate.

The highlight of the Cup Winners' Cup ties was holders Mechelen's fine 2-0 away win over fellow-Belgians Anderlecht in Brussels. Barcelona squeezed through to the quarterfinals with a 5-4 win on penalties over Lech Poznan after a 1-1 draw had left the scores level at 2-2 on aggregate.

Reduced The last eight was completed by Sampdoria, Bulgaria's Cska Sofia, Roda JC Kerkrade of the Netherlands, West Germany's Eintracht Frankfurt, Aarhus of Denmark and Dinamo Bucharest.

In the UEFA Cup, Roma went through with a satisfying 2-0 win over Partizan Belgrade despite being reduced to 10 men for most of the second half after Lionello Manfredonia was sent off.

The win brought them level at 4-4 on aggregate but through on the away goals rule, having lost 4-2 in a tempestuous first leg. West German international Rudi Voeller and Italian international midfielder Giuseppe Giannini, who was injured by a missile in Belgrade, scored the goals.

Tottenham finally subdue Blackburn

LONDON, Nov 11, (Reuters): Struggling Tottenham finally got the better of Second Division Blackburn in extra-time in the English League Cup on Wednesday but high-flying neighbours Arsenal must resume the fight another day against Liverpool.

The two north London rivals were both taken to extra-time in their third round replays for places in the last 16, but whereas Spurs went through 2-1 after a four-minute blitz brought three goals, Arsenal and Liverpool remained locked at 0-0.

Embarrassing Tottenham, bottom of Division One and held by Blackburn to an embarrassing 0-0 draw at their White Hart Lane home last week, ended 196 goalless minutes in the tie when defender Mitchell Thomas scored with a stooping header in the second half of extra-time.

Defender Guy Butters blotted his Spurs debut when he conceded an own goal two minutes later, but £1.7 million (\$2.9 million) signing Paul Stewart supplied the perfect retort, snatching the winner with a firm shot after a strong 30-metre run.

Arsenal, thriving in second place in the First Division as

Spurs floundered, applied relentless pressure on Liverpool but the closest they came to scoring was a 34th minute cross from Paul Merson which evaded Liverpool goalkeeper Mike Hooper but was bootled clear by defender Nigel Spinkman.

England's Peter Beardsley looked certain to score for Liverpool a minute before half-time but was foiled by a desperate last-ditch tackle by Arsenal defender Lee Dixon.

Arsenal and Liverpool now face a third match in their attempt to settle their third round encounter, probably on a neutral ground on Nov 23.

The country's biggest crowd of the season — 54,000, with a further 6,000 locked out — jammed Arsenal's Highbury Ground to the rafters, with some fans clinging to the roof to watch the action.

Tomorrow, surprise championship challengers Millwall face the sternest test so far of their debut season in English soccer's First Division with a visit to Liverpool.

The clash has provoked such intense interest among Millwall supporters that all available tickets were snapped up days ago and

the club had laid on closed circuit television to relay the match to thousands more at their London ground, the Den.

Lying third in the League behind Norwich and Arsenal, Millwall are currently one point and one place ahead of their more illustrious northern rivals who have made, for them, a somewhat faltering start to the season.

Liverpool have already lost three times in their first 11 games — one more than in the whole of last season — while Millwall, who have played one match less, have been beaten only once.

Victory at Anfield would finally silence the doubters, and establish Millwall's credentials as solid contenders. But beating the champions in their own back yard is one of the most difficult tasks in soccer and the London club will be more than content to take a point.

Highflying Norwich, equally unlikely championship contenders at the start of the season, have a six-point buffer at the top of the table and look likely to garner a further three points tomorrow with a home fixture against Sheffield Wednesday, who are lying in the bottom half

of the division.

Meanwhile, former England defender Viv Anderson is set to make his first full League appearance for two months when Manchester United visit Derby.

But his return remains clouded by the remote possibility that he may face charges from the English Football Association (FA) for his involvement in an incident at Wimbledon 10 days ago which left him needing three stitches in a facial wound.

Wimbledon striker John Fashanu was charged yesterday with bringing soccer into disrepute as a result of his involvement in the incident and FA officials have confirmed the case is still under investigation.

Anderson was left out of United's squad last weekend because manager Alex Ferguson felt he was "not in the right frame of mind."

Results English League Cup, third round replays Arsenal 0 Liverpool 0 after extra time (Eventual winners away to West Ham in the fourth round) Blackburn 1 Tottenham 2 after extra time (90 minutes 0-0, Tottenham away to Southampton or Southampton) English Division Four Scarborough 0 Peterborough 0 Hartlepool 0

Brand shoots 69 to stay in front

ADELAIDE, Nov 11, (Reuters): Gordon Brand Jr of Britain faltered slightly under pressure from Wayne Grady and from a course record 62 by New Zealand's Frank Nobilo in the third round of the S. Australian Open golf championship today.

Brand, the leader after every round, returned his second successive 69 but saw his four-shot lead halved to two strokes by Grady, the Australian who won this country's PGA title last Sunday.

With one round to play on the Grange Club's picturesque beachside course, Brand is eight under par with a total of 202.

Strange takes three-stroke lead

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif., Nov 11, (Reuters): Curtis Strange made six birdies and an eagle over the famed Pebble Beach golf links yesterday to take a three-stroke lead after the first round of the \$2 million World Championship of Golf.

"I have to go back a long way to find a better round of golf than what I played today," the US Open champion said after shooting a brilliant eight-under-par 64 to lead his fellow American Ken Green, who posted a 67, by three strokes.

American Joey Sindelar, second on the PGA Tour's money list with \$708,532, was

another stroke away with a 68. David Frost of South Africa, Bob Tway, Jay Haas, Bruce Lietzke and Scott Verplank all were tied for fourth place at three under 69 in this season-ending tournament among the top 30 money-winners on the US Tour this year.

Honours Chip Beck, who tops the money list with more than \$776,000, shot a one-under-par 71 and was tied for 14th place.

US Masters champion Sandy Lyle of Britain, who leads the race for US PGA Player of the Year honours under a point sys-

tem, finished with a 72. "I played well," Lyle said. "But it is difficult to imagine shooting a 72 at Pebble Beach and being eight shots behind. Curtis must have played a fantastic round. I'm not discouraged, but this is a course where you can make up some shots."

Strange birdied each of the first two holes, hitting a nine iron to within four inches at the first and reaching the green in two and two-putting from 20 feet on the par-five second. He had two more birdies on the outgoing nine and then eagled the par-four 11th with a driver and a 131-yard eight iron.

Prost and Senna battle for pole position

ADELAIDE, Nov 11, (Reuters): Conquering McLaren teammates Alain Prost and Ayrton Senna today battled each other for the right to take pole position Sunday's Australian Grand Prix.

Frenchman Prost grabbed provisional pole position from world champion-elect Senna in the closing seconds of an incident-packed first qualifying session which left less cars strewn around the circuit.

Changes The battle with Alain for the pole position was good fun, said Brazilian Senna. "Tomorrow will make a few changes to see if we can improve it," he said after the second qualifying session morning.

Prost and Senna, who have contested 14 of this season's 15 races with their turbo-charged, da-powered McLarens, usually outdid each other throughout today's hour-long qualifying session.

Prost eventually clocked the fastest time of the day, covering 1.78 km (2.36 miles) street in one minute 18.179 seconds, an average speed of 61 kph (108.15 mph).



Johansson's Ligier is airborne in the chicane after colliding with Senna. (Reuters wirephoto)

best of 1:18.332 but almost a second slower than Gerhard Berger's fastest qualifying time in a Ferrari last year.

Senna has taken a record 12 pole positions this season but says he is bothered by a slight wrist injury suffered on holiday last week.

Britain's Nigel Mansell pushed his non-turbo-charged Williams into provisional third place ahead of his Italian teammate Riccardo Patrese on the

twisting circuit suited to the cars which will next year replace turbos.

The turbo-charger on American Eddie Cheever's Arrows exploded in flames mid-day through qualifying, spreading oil on the track and making traction unpredictable for Mansell and others.

"The traffic is just horrendous," Mansell told reporters after setting his best time in his race car. He damaged his spare

car in a brief spin from the smooth track warmed by a bright day of 28 degrees Celsius.

Timed practice was interrupted earlier by a spectacular collision between Ligier driver Stefan Johansson of Sweden and Spanish novice Luis Perez Sala which crippled Sala's Minardi.

The roar of engines was silenced mid-way through the earlier unofficial practice when Australia observed two minutes silence in traditional Remembrance Day ceremonies for war dead.

It has been suggested this season that McLarens have favoured Senna over double world champion Prost but team chief Ron Dennis yesterday angrily denied the speculation.

"We pride ourselves and it is an absolutely crucial philosophy of our company and we have demonstrated it this year and in previous years, that we give the drivers the same equipment," Dennis told a news conference.

"People claim that we have wrecked this year's championship," he added. "Do they expect us to be deliberately less competitive? Is it our fault that we've done a good job?"

Last year's Australian Grand Prix winner Berger was com-

petitive in qualifying despite losing the rear aerofoil wing of his Ferrari mid-way through the session. With a new wing fitted the Austrian came out and posted the fifth fastest lap.

British driver Derek Warwick steered his turbo-charged Arrows into sixth place ahead of Italian Alessandro Nannini in the non-turbo Benetton.

Reigning world champion Brazilian Nelson Piquet was the fastest on the back straight topping 234.10 kph (145.46 mph) in his Lotus, almost one km faster than Prost, but qualified only eighth.

Eliminated

Biggest loser of the day was 24-year-old Italian driver Nicola Larini who was eliminated after untimed practice to cut the field down to a maximum 30 cars for qualifying. Four other drivers will be eliminated after tomorrow's final qualifying session to fill the 26 racing places on the grid.

Frenchman Pierre-Henri Raphanel may have his first drive in a Formula One Grand Prix, qualifying 24th today in his Lola.

"It's a circuit and a car I know nothing about. It's a totally new discipline," he said.

Hadlee set to claim Test record

BANGALORE, India, Nov 11, (Reuters): New Zealand fast-medium bowler Richard Hadlee renews his attempt to take sole possession of the world Test wicket-taking record in the first match of the three-Test series against India starting tomorrow.

Hadlee, who shares the record of 373 wickets with Ian Botham, appears at the start of the Indian cricket tour to have found the mastery form that enabled him to equal the mark in Australia last December.

Subsequently, Hadlee failed to claim the record as his own because of injury during the opening Test of the home series against England early this year.

Operation All-rounder Botham was denied the chance to increase his tally in England's 1988 Tests against West Indies because he underwent a back operation early in the season.

Fresh from a nine-wicket haul on a dead pitch in the first match of the tour of India, Hadlee will hope for an opportunity to use his expected transformation into a dust bowl saviour India's feared spinners.

But Hadlee said that establishing the record and reaching the 400-wicket mark in Tests had a lower priority than New Zealand's bid to win the series.



Hadlee: has taken 373 wickets so far

not in quality nor variety. Such is the depth of the Indian slow bowling resources that left-arm spinner Ravi Shastri, leg-spinner Narendra Hirwani and off-spinner Arshad Ayub have forced out of the world's top slow bowlers, left-arm Maninder Singh.

New Zealand's slow bowling is spearheaded by John Bracewell's off-breaks, with 34-year old left-arm spinner Evan Gray and off-spinner Chris Kuggeleyn likely to join him in the spin attack.

In batting, New Zealand captain John Wright, perhaps conscious of his added responsibility in the absence through illness of the accomplished Martin Crowe, has led from the front with two

Bland pitch blunts W. Indies

SYDNEY, Nov 11, (Reuters): Openers John Dyson and Mark Taylor spurred New South Wales with a stand of 162 as West Indies' much-vaunted fast bowling attack was blunted by a lifeless Sydney Cricket Ground pitch today.

Former Test batsman Dyson hit 79 and Taylor was the top scorer with 82, the pair providing the substance of the state team's score of 272 for four at the close of the first day of the four-day match.

New ball pair Patrick Patterson and Winston Benjamin were economical but less menacing than usual, and it was the uncapped and immensely promising Ian Bishop whose pace bowling was rewarded when he snapped up brothers Mark and Steve Waugh early in the last session.

The other two wickets fell to the gentle off-spin of West Indian captain Viv Richards who, having lost the toss, soon had the state of the pitch in perspective, turning to spin after just 16 overs.

Launched Dyson and Taylor, whose partnership was 10 runs short of New South Wales' record first-wicket stand against West Indies set by Ian Craig and Brian Booth in 1960-61, launched the innings solidly by putting on 73 before lunch.

Off-spinner Roger Harper, who bore the brunt of the workload with 34 overs, found no more assistance in the sparsely-grassed surface than the new ball pair, and the openers coasted along until 15 minutes before tea.

Richards then struck twice, firstly trapping Taylor lbw as he attempted to sweep after an innings of 190 deliveries and containing eight fours.

Then Dyson, who had been dropped on 34 by wicketkeeper David Williams, was caught on the mid-wicket boundary by Benjamin off Richards.

Bishop dealt his first blow in the second over of his second spell, sending back Mark Waugh with the aid of a superb reflex catch by Richie Richardson at mid-wicket.

Steve Waugh, having struck 21 from 27 deliveries, top-edged a sharply rising ball from Bishop and was caught by Desmond Haynes at deep third man.

New South Wales were 208 for four at that point, but former Test players Steve Smith (42 not out) and Greg Matthews (26 not out) checked the decline with an unfinished fifth wicket stand of 64.

SCOREBOARD

NEW SOUTH WALES first innings
J. Dyson c Benjamin b Richards...79
M. Taylor lbw b Richards...82
M. Waugh c Richardson b Bishop...9
S. Waugh c Haynes b Bishop...21
S. Smith not out...42
G. Matthews not out...26
Extras (4 lb-4 nb-5)...13
Total (four wickets)...272
Fall of wickets: 1-162 2-173 3-183 4-208.

Bowling to date: Patterson 11-5-25-0 (5 nb), Benjamin 14-4-42-0, Bishop 15-3-42-2, Harper 34-4-101-6, Richards 17-5-31-2, Hooper 9-0-23-0.
West Indies: D. Haynes, R. Richardson, C. Hooper, K. Artherton, V. Richards (captain), G. Logie, R. Harper, D. Williams, I. Bishop, W. Benjamin, P. Patterson.

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fake injuries

PRAGUE, Nov 11. (Reuters): The International Football Federation (FIFA) yesterday announced plans to crack down on players who fake injuries.

Tennis conflict

LONDON, Nov 11. (Reuters): Buzzer Haddingham, chairman of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, said today he was optimistic that a damaging conflict could be avoided in men's tennis.

Susic recalled

BELGRADE, Nov 11. (Reuters): Yugoslavia coach Ivica Osim recalled Susic today after a six-year absence and named four other players, with French clubs in a 19-man squad to meet France in next week's World Cup qualifying clash.

PGA Classic

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Nov 11. (Reuters): Lance Ten Broek turned in a bogeyless round of seven-under-par 65 yesterday to take a one-stroke lead after one round of the \$500,000 PGA Classic.

Taiheiyu Masters

GOTEMBA, Japan, Nov 11. (Reuters): Little-known Japanese Yoshiyuki Isomura was hoping for two more days of high winds today after defying blustery conditions to grab a four-shot second round lead over Spain's Severiano Ballesteros in the Taiheiyu Masters golf tournament.

Big-money race

TORONTO, Nov 11. (Reuters): The agent for US track star Carl Lewis was quoted as saying he was approached by a representative of disgraced Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson about the possibility of a big-money match race between the rivals.

Cup qualifier

LISBON, Nov 11. (Reuters): Portugal, aiming for a flying World Cup start against Luxembourg, yesterday called up their two striker exiles and a 36-year-old star for Wednesday's European Group Seven qualifying match in Oporto.

Title fight

LAS VEGAS, Nov 11. (AP): Donald Curry will defend his World Boxing Council super welterweight title against Rene Jacquot of France, it was announced yesterday. The bout is tentatively set for February in France.

Martin banned

SYDNEY, Australia, Nov 11. (AP): Australian Gael Martin, the 1984 Olympic bronze medalist in the women's shot put, has been banned for the second time in her career after testing positive for anabolic steroids, the Sydney Daily Telegraph newspaper reported today.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Mensal Ladies Bridge Club games held on Monday:
1. Nida Khalaf & Johette Chiles
2. Jamila Akel & Margaret Rob-Whitaker
3. Camilla Guirguis & Lollo Murthwaite
Results of the Regency Palace Ladies Bridge Club game held yesterday:
1. Margaret Maynard & Daphne El Saad
2. Camilla Guirguis & Lollo Murthwaite
3. Mandy Clarke & Dianne Falk

Results of Sheraton Bridge club game held on Tuesday:
N/S
1. Dr Saad & Aurora
2. Latifa & Mesdard
3. Bayoumi & Heneidi
E/W
1. Abdel Ghani & Adham
2. Ravi Bhatt & D. Pereira
3. Dr Saeel & Stucker

India to meet Great Britain in Speedbird Trophy opener

INDIA meet Great Britain in the first match of the British Airways Speedbird Trophy cricket tournament, organised by the Hubara Cricketers, at the KOC ground on Friday, Nov 18.

The match will be of 45 overs each side with no bowler being allowed to bowl more than nine overs. The game will start at 9.30 and the umpires will be provided by Pakistan.

Last year's match between these two local sides was won by Great Britain by 13 runs while India took the 1986/87 game by one wicket.

Craig Shipton of Hubara Cricketers was made responsible for selecting the Great Britain XI and Shivi Bhasin, Frankie Monteiro of Kuwait Cricketers for India. Shipton has already named his side.

The second match of the competition will be between Great Britain and Pakistan, and will be

GROSSMAN STUNS ZVEREVA

Sukova upsets Sabatini



Sukova: eliminated Sabatini

CHICAGO, Nov 11. (Reuters): Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, the world's fourth-ranked player, and the Soviet Union's Natalia Zvereva, last year's runner-up here, were knocked out yesterday at the \$250,000 Chicago tennis tournament.

Fifth-seeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia ousted Sabatini 6-3 2-6 6-2 while 18-year-old American Ann Grossman eliminated sixth-seeded Zvereva 6-3 6-3.

Pulled
Chris Evert, the number-two seed, won the first eight games in what was her first match in Chicago for eight years, dispatching fellow-American Rosalyn Fairbank 6-0 6-2 in 57 minutes. Seventh-seeded Zina Garrison of the United States routed compatriot Peanut Louie-Harper 6-3 6-3.

Evert faces either Grossman or fourth-seed Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria in one semifinal tomorrow while Sukova faces top-seeded Martina Navratilova

or Garrison. The two quarterfinals were to be played today.

Sukova pulled her game to a new level in wearing down Sabatini, a late entry who came to Chicago in an effort to pass Evert in the world rankings. Evert is ranked third.

Grossman dominated Zvereva, winning games 2-6 in the first set before getting a decisive service break in the seventh game of the second.

"I had her on the run most of the time," said Grossman, who turned pro in September.

"I felt weak," said Zvereva. "I was playing long baseline shots. It would have been better to play topspin short shots to make her run more. Then I would have been able to go to the net."

After a first-round bye and a second-round walkover, Evert was given only slight opposition by Fairbank.

"I'm sort of relieved," said Evert. "Last week I had three tough matches and got a little sore."

Rockets overcome Jazz

HOUSTON, Nov 11. (AP): Houston Rockets rookie Derrick Chievous is being touted for stardom with just four NBA games under his belt.

In the Rockets' 106-99 victory over the Utah Jazz last night, Chievous came off the bench to score 27 points in 35 minutes while replacing starting small forward Bob Johnson.

"The guy's fantastic," Houston coach Don Chaney said. "He wanted the ball badly. He reminds me of John Havlicek. Things happen for him and he's still maturing. Without a doubt,

he's going to be a star."

In yesterday's only other game, Denver beat Portland 135-115.

Chievous, the Rockets' first-round pick from Missouri last year, seems to exude confidence both on and off the court.

"My background makes me good enough for this League," Chievous said. "I played against guys who should be here. I'm here so I must be in the same class as the other NBA players."

Houston centre Akeem Olajuwon, who led the 2-2 Rockets with 35 points, 19 rebounds and

five steals, also is a believer in Chievous.

"He can get it done because he's sure of his game and he can deliver," Olajuwon said. "Definitely, he will be a star in the NBA."

The effect of Chievous in a 19-6 run by Houston in the second half wasn't lost on Karl Malone of the Jazz, who scored 25 points along with 10 rebounds.

"Akeem and Chievous took over the game," Malone said. "They ran their offense well down the stretch and came back after we were up 81-71."

Viola wins Cy Young Award

NEW YORK, Nov 11. (AP): Frank Viola, the Minnesota Twins left-hander who led the Major Leagues in victories in compiling a 24-7 record, as named winner of the 1988 American League Cy Young Award on Wednesday. Orel Hershiser took the National League honors.

Viola received 27 of a possible 28 first-place votes and 138 of a possible 140 points from the

Baseball Writers' Association of America. Dennis Eckersley of the Oakland Athletics got the other first-place vote and was second with 52 points.

Mark Gubicza of the Kansas City Royals was third with 26 points. Dave Stewart of Oakland had 16, Bruce Hurst of the Boston Red Sox had 12 and teammate Roger Clemens, Cy Young winner in 1986 and 1987, had eight.

Davis fined

LONDON, Nov 11. (Reuters): World snooker champion Steve Davis, winner of the British Grand Prix last month, was fined £12,000 yesterday for refusing to attend press and television interviews during the event.

He was one of seven members of Barry Hearn's Matchroom Group fined a total of £34,000 by the game's governing body, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, following a disciplinary hearing in Preston.

Queensland pace pair rout Victoria

SYDNEY, Nov 11. (Reuters): Queensland pace pair Dirk Tazelaar and John Maguire routed Victoria for 103 on the opening day of their four-day Sheffield Shield cricket match at the Junction Oval, Melbourne, today.

Victoria capitulated on a pitch without any apparent venom after being put in by Allan Border. Tazelaar finishing with five for 25 from 13 overs and Maguire taking four for 21 off 16.2 overs.

Middle order batsman Dean Jones, whose poor form has put his Test place in jeopardy, offered a measure of resistance with the top score of 33, but the last five wickets crashed for six runs in 27 balls.

Queensland overcame two early setbacks to be five runs ahead by the close at 108 for two.

Former international fast-medium bowler Terry Alderman captured three for 35 as Shield champions Western Australia dismissed Tasmania for 213 in Hobart.

Connors crashes out of Stuttgart Classic

STUTTGART, West Germany, Nov 11. (Reuters): Jimmy Connors crashed out of the Stuttgart Tennis Classic yesterday, tired, despondent and with plans to have an operation as soon as possible.

The 36-year-old American, who has suffered for years with feet injuries, was beaten by lowly-ranked West German Eric Jelen 3-6 6-4 6-2, his second defeat in the round-robin event.

Connors, ranked eighth in the world, now has no chance of reaching the semifinals of the \$350,000 event. On Wednesday he also lost to Olympic champion Miloslav Mecir.

"I've had problems with both feet, for some time. The right is the worst," Connors said. "It is no fun going out there to play not feeling right."

"They might say the operation will make them no better. I've just got to go back home and see about it."

Deciding

Connors said he had to see whether he qualified for the US Masters at the end of November before deciding on the operation.

"But I've got to go under. I've got to get these health problems sorted out," he said.

Jelen, ranked 60th in the world, has been the surprise package of the tournament.

Called in as a late replacement for the injured Boris Becker on Monday, the West German disposed of Andres Gomes of Ecuador in two sets in his first match and the win over Connors should ensure him a semifinal place.

Jelen would have had a week off in West Germany if he had not received the late call-up.

"I suppose you could say I've earned good holiday money," he said.

"I am pleased of course. I watched Connors play for the first time when I was six. I have great respect for him."

Connors looked sharp and powerful in the first set with some perfectly-timed passing shots.

But after taking the set he seemed to tire and Jelen found more and more time to play some neat net volleys.

In the last set Connors' serve was very weak and Jelen, likely to



McEnroe: wins

be in West Germany's Davis Cup final team against Sweden next month, took control.

John McEnroe had a confidence-boosting 6-3 6-2 win over Olympic silver medalist Tim Mayotte and is almost certain to qualify for the last four.

"I'm picking up momentum now. I still feel like I'm one of the top players," McEnroe said.

World number two Ivan Lendl, seeking to regain his fitness after a shoulder operation, was beaten 7-6 7-5 by West German Carl-Uwe Steeb in the final match of the day.

But he was not unduly worried by his defeat by a player ranked 68 places below him. "It's annoying but that is what you expect when you are coming back," Lendl said. "I'd like to think it was due to lack of match practice."

Earn

He must now beat McEnroe in the last round of group matches today to earn a place in the semifinals.

After winning the first set tie-breaker 7-3, Steeb hit a stream of accurate ground-strokes in the second to force numerous errors from Lendl at the back of the court.

Steeb, who has won two of his three matches here, said: "It's a great feeling to beat the world number two on home ground."

Soviets seek success in European tournament

LONDON, Nov 11. (Reuters): Ciska Moscow, the Soviet basketball champions who supplied six of the Olympic title-winning team in Seoul last month, now seek to win the European Championships' Cup before their leading players are allowed to join foreign teams next season.

Ciska qualified yesterday for the final pool of the Champions' Cup when they defeated Botevgrad of Bulgaria 87-68 for a 190-148 aggregate victory. They join seven other teams chasing a place in next April's tournament involving the top four.

Some of the Soviet Union's best players, including Lithuanians Arvydas Sabonis and Sharunas Marculionis and Alexander Volkov of Ciska, have signed to play in the United States' National Basketball Association (NBA) next year. Several others are bound for Western Europe.

Moscow line up with Pesaro (Italy), Maccabi Tel Aviv (Israel), Jugoplastika Split (Yugoslavia), Barcelona (Spain), Limoges (France), Den Bosch (Netherlands) and Salonika (Greece) in their pool and can expect tough opposition particularly from the fair teams of Italy, Spain, Yugoslavia and Greece.

Robbed

They clinched the Soviet title from Lithuanian side Zalgiris when the Lithuanians were robbed by injury of their star player, the seven feet two inch (2.19 metres) Sabonis.

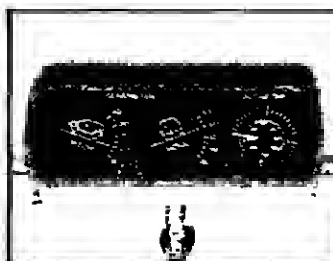
Zalgiris are strong contenders in the Cup Winners' Cup, reaching the last eight this week with a 207-170 aggregate win over Maccabi Brussels.

Zalgiris base their attractive playing style on the NBA sides they watch on Finnish television, employing a fast breaking, three-point shooting style. Sabonis dominates the rebounds and feeds the fast break with Rimas Kurtinaitis. Valdemaras Chomicius and former Soviet captain Sergei Jovaitis netting most of the baskets.

Jovaitis was cleared to play in Switzerland this season while West German club SSV Hagen wanted Kurtinaitis, but balked at the transfer fee of \$200,000 demanded by the Soviet federation.

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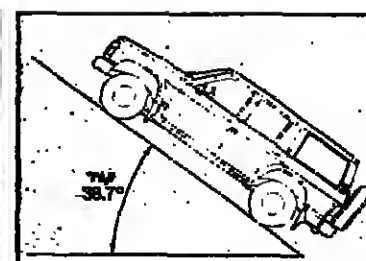
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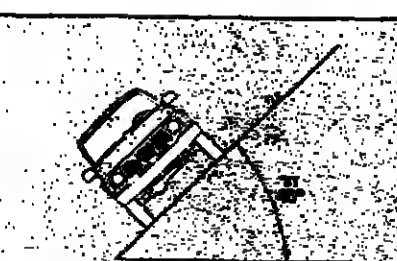
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